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Introduction to Reels 31 through 37
(May 1, 1934, to June 30, 1936)

The twenty-six months following the end of Goldman's American tour in April 1934 were a restless but productive period in her life. She lectured extensively in Canada and Great Britain, spending the summer and early fall of 1935 at her cottage in St. Tropez. With Alexander Berkman's editorial assistance, she wrote several major articles on anarchist theory and on the political crisis in Europe. In her personal life, 1934 was marked by the exhilaration of her affair with Frank Heiner, but Berkman's suicide at the end of June 1936 plunged her into despair.

After leaving the United States, Goldman settled for a year in Canada, lecturing frequently in Toronto, Hamilton, and Montreal on a broad range of literary and political topics, alerting her audiences to the twin menaces of Nazism and fascism, and continuing to speak on such topics as birth control and "The Erotic Element in Life". While lecturing was her own primary means of support, she also used the occasions to raise funds for political prisoners in Europe.

Her correspondence during this period includes long, passionate letters from Frank Heiner, who she met in Chicago during her U.S.tour. Her initial response while still in the country was to attempt to confine the relationship to a friendship based on their mutual political interests (4/11/34). His talent as an orator, his magnetic personality, his broad education in the social sciences, and his keen interest in anarchist ideas led her to hope that he could effect a resurgence of anarchist activity in America and carry on her legacy. While she found his effusive expressions of love exhilarating, she remained cautious, expecting his love for her to be "too much of a miracle to be real" (5/6/34). But after returning to exile in Canada, she had to confront her loneliness and her desire for an intimate relationship: "Mine has been and is a very lonely life since I have been exiled. Lonelier and [with] an inner void much more so than my outer appearance suggests" (4/11/34).

Goldman was also aware of the obstacles that would inevitably taint an intimate relationship with him: the twenty-nine-year difference in their ages; Heiner's stable marriage to Mary Koll Heiner, with whom he had a twelve-year-old daughter; and the restrictions on Goldman's travel to the United States. But Mary's tolerance of Frank's romantic interest in Goldman, along with his lyrical love letters, gradually persuaded Goldman to put aside her misgivings and allow him to come to Toronto in August. After two weeks of "overwhelming bliss," she felt devastated when he returned home to Chicago. Still, the relationship with Heiner, she wrote Stella Ballantine, "strengthened my belief in freedom as the highest expression of man" (9/9/34). She maintained both a personal and professional correspondence with him for two years: she kept him informed about her political activities, quizzed him about current developments in the social sciences, and articulated her despair about not being able to visit him.

Goldman sustained her voluminous correspondence with Berkman throughout these years as well. After returning to Canada, she began to worry about his health, even though he usually joked about or minimized his illnesses. He had a chronic, unspecified heart condition and, in the last year of his life, prostate cancer. He also suffered from depression, which was neither diagnosed by his physicians nor recognized by his friends. Goldman knew, however, that he felt despondent when separated from her for long periods, a feeling she attributed to his lack of intellectual camaraderie, as she believed that his companion, Emmy Eckstein, did not share any of his interests. And his status as a political exile, which made any kind of political activity impossible and forced him to reapply every few months for permission to reside in France, was responsible, she felt, for some of his pervasive sense of hopelessness about the future. In letters to him and others, she focused primarily on his complaints of physical exhaustion that hampered his ability to work. She worked with Phillip Kapp of the International Ladies Garment

Workers Union and Minna Lowensohn, an associate in New York, on establishing a retirement fund for him.

Goldman did what she could to help Berkman in all aspects of his life, attempting, for example, to relieve the pressure of the deadline he set himself to complete the translation of Rudolf Rocker's large volume of theoretical essays, *Nationalism and Culture*. As a friend and a correspondent of Rocker's, she tried to coordinate their efforts. But a quarrel was inevitable, since Berkman believed he had been given the authority to edit and shorten the German text for a popular English audience. When Rocker expressed displeasure at Berkman's deletions, Berkman withdrew from the project feeling hurt and unfairly treated. Goldman supported Berkman throughout this ordeal, even though she understood Rocker's point of view.

In the spring of 1935, as Goldman prepared to leave Canada, she began to correspond with Berkman's companion, Emmy Eckstein. Eckstein's many letters before Goldman's arrival in France testify to a growing warmth between the two women as they resolved their mutual, but previously unspoken, jealousy over Berkman's attention. Nevertheless, when the three set up a joint household in St. Tropez, day-to-day tensions undermined the harmony they had achieved. Goldman, grieving the loss of her intimacy with Heiner, felt ignored by Berkman. Eckstein, as previously, felt shut out of Goldman and Berkman's close friendship. Berkman was dismayed by the inability of his two closest friends to solve their difficulties with each other. Eckstein and Berkman soon returned to their apartment in Nice, while Goldman began to prepare for her lecture tour of Great Britain the following fall.

Goldman met with a warmer welcome in Great Britain in 1935 than on her two previous tours in 1925 and 1933. She attributed her success to British intellectuals' gradual disenchantment with Stalinism and their recognition, with the Italian invasion of Ethiopia, of Mussolini's expansionist aims. Unlike their counterparts in other countries, even Communists in Britain seemed

more tolerant of Goldman's anti-Soviet perspective. She found several new organizations open to her, including the National Council of Labor Colleges, the British Drama League, and the Rationalist Society. Nevertheless, she faced an "uphill struggle" to earn a living by lecturing; after five months of lectures in London, Bristol, and Wales, she anticipated being forced to sell her home in St. Tropez.

Midway through her British tour, Goldman learned from Emmy Eckstein of Berkman's hospitalization for prostate problems. Assured by Eckstein of Berkman's eventual recovery, Goldman continued her lectures. Although more surgery for Berkman and Eckstein's own hospitalization for colitis followed shortly, the two repeatedly insisted in their correspondence that Goldman had little cause for alarm. Still, guilt at her delay surrounded Goldman's return to Nice, where she nursed both her friends until Eckstein felt well enough to care for Berkman. He remained in pain and recovered slowly. Having returned to her home in

St. Tropez, Goldman wondered whether she had done enough for him. On June 27, after he sent Goldman warm birthday greetings and in the midst of a painful relapse, Berkman shot himself in the abdomen. Upon receiving a call from Eckstein, Goldman hurried to Nice where she found Berkman still conscious but unable to speak.

Goldman experienced his death a few hours later as her greatest personal loss. Her forty-seven-year friendship with Berkman, though sometimes strained by disappointments and failures of communication, provided her with unwavering affection that grew more essential to her well-being with the advancing years. Her intimate correspondence with him allowed her the opportunity to explore and define her thoughts about both her public and private lives in an atmosphere of complete trust. No wonder that, grieving the loss of this friendship, she described it as "the one treasure I have rescued from my long and bitter struggle" (7/12/36).

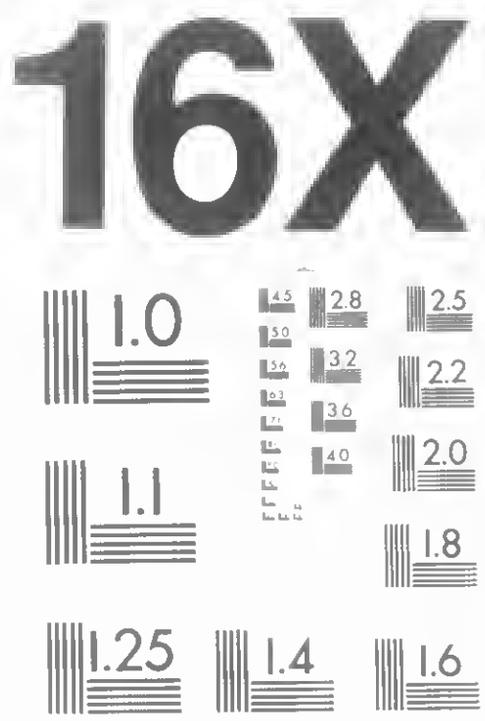
In the years prior to Berkman's death, and despite her worries about him, the anguish of her affair with Heiner, and her own continuing financial woes, Goldman continued to publish a variety of essays. In "Was My Life Worth Living?" for *Harper's*, she updated her autobiography. She prepared a theoretical piece, "Two Communisms: Bolshevik and Anarchist" for *American Mercury*, whose editor retitled it "There Is No Communism in Russia" and deleted the crucial section on the anarchist alternative to the Soviet system. Although she prominently placed the "The Tragedy of the Political Exiles" in the *Nation*, she failed to find a mass market publisher for her article "The Place of the Individual in Society".

In addition to this formal writing, Goldman expanded her circle of correspondents during these months, her American tour supplying the occasion to revive written exchanges with old friends in the United States. And she found new correspondents, including Jeanne Levey and Dorothy Rogers, among those who had helped with her lecture tours in the United States and Canada. She also corresponded more frequently with relatives during a period that included several family crises: the death of her brother Herman, the successive heart attacks of her other brother Morris, and the psychiatric depression of her grandniece Ruth Lowe, Stella Ballantine's daughter.

In several letters of the period, Goldman expressed the dark mood that resulted from these tragedies. In a letter to Roger Baldwin, for example, she quotes the German novelist B. Traven: "'Why do I permit myself to be tortured? Because I have hope, which is the sin and the curse of mankind.' Hope has been that to me.... Well, I have had so many disappointments in my long struggle that one more is not likely to kill me" (10/24/34). Goldman's revelations of her internal struggle against hopelessness elicited crucial support from old friends like Joseph Goldman, a Chicago comrade, who wrote her: "What if your ideal for which the better part of your life has been devoted, is at present in eclipse? Is there reason to despair? I don't think so.... If I had to live life over again, I would choose the same path" (4/4/35). As much as she

sought solace from others, she had to console them as well. When Rose Pesotta wrote in a despondent moment that her work for the International Ladies Garment Workers Union in Seattle had met with the same obstacles as Goldman's work as a labor organizer forty years earlier, Goldman encouraged her to continue her efforts and insisted that she would make a lasting contribution to the labor movement.

Throughout this period, Goldman's interest in the anarchist movement in Spain increased. She had been in contact with immigrant Spanish anarchists in New York in the 1910s. Renewing these relationships during her U.S. tour in 1934, she kept informed about events in Spain through Maximiliano and Anna Olay, Chicago activists with connections to the Spanish movement, and encouraged several other comrades, including Frank Heiner, W. S. Van Valkenburgh, and Victor Martinez, editor of *Cultura Proletaria* (a Spanish-language newspaper published in New York), to publicize Spanish events to an English-speaking mass readership.


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I beg to enclose herewith cheque for fee arranged, together with your railway fare to Coventry.

Will you please accept my personal thanks for coming down to help us. I can assure you, from the remarks that have been passed to me on all sides since you read your paper, that it was very much appreciated here.

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what was the matter with A. B.? Just
feel bobbin.[2] Sam to musicians & I must
that I write him at once? I hope to hear
from him directly. Try to give what
your life is now. Just leave to Office of A.
If I could only help!

My work is going on pretty well. The "manager"
has no [illegible] for me now - may be next year
if I can remain here - I spoke to Mr. Lee about
the sponsorship - here in N.Y. at the Community
Church. Intermediate [illegible] a
a real success. Dr Holmes was quite
Scottie & wrote a very fine letter about me.
As soon as I have [illegible] I shall work
hein - [illegible] to Board Lady of
you - I know that he is a great friend of
yours. In general it is the first
question I get to all these notices I
must have (& do you know Berman?) have
you heard of Ben Capsky? When the address
is perfect I feel much better
I had the great pleasure to get in touch
with your nephew Saul C. He seems a very
good impression on me & was really
fraternal & [illegible] He suggested that he would
arrange things with Dr Glass & though he
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As far as Kate is concerned I am really happy that your opinion confirms my conception. She was a real friend & helped me a great deal. Unfortunately I can't pay her as I promised & just keep her & pay her room, besides even if I could it would be impossible for us to work in the same room. She comes to me from 9 in the morning and cooks my breakfast with me & tidies up & helps me with the housework & is leaving on a trip. If I can't find a suitable & efficient woman & friend who will do housework & sew & cook & is cheap & reliable & knows the place where Stella is living (what do you think of this) I shall have to engage [illegible] for absolute privacy to be able to respect the terrible grief & sorrow [illegible] with people who want sympathy & [illegible] to be able to fight. Don't talk to me of a past of what I really feel in these terrible, terrible days....

I have been at the cemetery in Virginia Hills. Stella's grave - I went away with a feeling of relief - and envy... I think her husband [illegible] times, he & his friends invited me to speak at the memorial celebration of [illegible] - she died 10 years ago - & I promised & to do so though I feel so sad, so sad & lone

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Dear Mr Fearon.

Thanks a lot for your letter and inclosure. The a ual train fare was only 15/9.But I had to take a taxi from the ho house being late getting away. The amount you sent for the fare covers that.

I was delighted to have the opportunity to lecture before an audience so attentive and appreciative. I hope that will not be the last time ~~xxxxxx~~ with the Coventry Repertory Circle.

I am planning to come back to England to settle here. The old gentlemen in charge of the fate of mankind willing I hope to be back next autumn. Perhaps the Circle will then have me again.

I should so much like to speak about Tchekhovs works. I think it was your wife who suggested that English artists can hardly prod uce Tchekhov. Or perhaps it was someone else. I think this is true. Because one has to know Tchekhovs background to ~~xxxxx~~ understand his characters who move on the stage.

Please send me your home address,or the exact address in Stradford.

Kindly remember me to Mrs Fearon,our hosts who entertained us after the theatre and our chairman.

Sincerely yours.

If there was an account in your local paper,perhaps you will be good enough to send me a copy. Also I should like a photograph With three handsome gentlmen near me you cannot ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ blaime me for wanting a photo as a momento.

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Please believe me it was not lack of appr ciat ion of your kindness in sending me THE TESTAMENT OF YOUTH which I failed to acknowledge. It was illness and strenuous work. I ~~it~~ did indeed appreciated the work and referred to it in my lectures on YOUTH IN REVOLT.

I am going to South Wales next week for a ser ious of lectures on Mussolini and Hitler. I wonder if you will be good enough to send me a copy of the YELLOW SPOT. I could use it to advantage. Also if you have published Hiedens biography of Hitler I should very much like to read it and review it in my lectures in S.W.

Sincerely yours.

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Sunday March 17th 36.

Dearest Sasha. I wrote you by hand while in Coventry and mail the letter when I got back to London. I found a card from you and on the last delivery came your letter. I cannot write you much to day my dear. My back aches from typing all day my notes for the lecture for Thursday on Anarchism And I must rush away to the Robesons for dinner.

Dear own dash you keep on saying E's operation cannt wait. But surely her suffering cannot. I would not think of staying away a day longer than absolutely necessa ry. So there acn be no talk about the British Museum. Its true, I will need an extra day or two to amsex have every thing attended to about the accounts for the last meeting an straightening up matters with Daniel and packing. That will take a few days. And I must also do a little shopping, have my passport renewed and so on and so forth. But I will certainl live the fourth of April, and stay over Sunday with Mollie and Senia arriving Tuesday a month from to day. I had intend to leave the seond. I admit it would have rushed me. But since the operation is not so urgent our Emmy will be brave enough to suffer another day or two.

What worrys me most is your opeeetion. You have no said another word in weeks. Yet your operation may make you condition worse if delayed. Have you not yet gone back to see your Suergeon. Please go and find out if you can wait. No use risking anything now that you have already gone through so much. So better see about and write me at once.

The inclosed letter from Ann L. will amuse you.

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she is so easily worried away. I have not yet received [illegible] Saturday Eve. Post which she has sent. I have no idea [illegible] Miller home is and what the article having my peiture is all about.But I am certain the Eve.Post will make no articles fr from me. And three at that. Like you I am tired to write in the void. I would only do it if I had guaranty of acceptance whether the article pleases the Post or not. Ann is also ver optimistic about "helping me to make money." Poor kid can ha hardly make a living for herself. Its foolish to say she cou place my stuff.

Besides until you and E. are completely on deck again I would not think of writing. And later I will wa to put my material in condition for a book of essays. I migh also add a chapter on Soviet drama and the Theatre to my old MSS on the Russian drama that some publisher may take. And t there will have to be new lectures if I am to return here. But first and fromost is my job as nurse to get you both able to piss and shit and anything else you like. I don't give a damn for anything else. I should of course love to see Ann. She is a joy to the eye.

Love to E. I will not be able to write her until I get to S.W. I'll have more time there during th day time. Y keep Suttens letter. He and his wife met me in their car when I got back to London.They took me to lunch ,drove me to the Theatr where Essie R. had left me tickets to see Paul in a new play. Then took me to tea and finally drove me home. Some style to my new friends and me.Eh?

Will write about Pauls performance and the play next time. Keep Anns leter also.

Love.

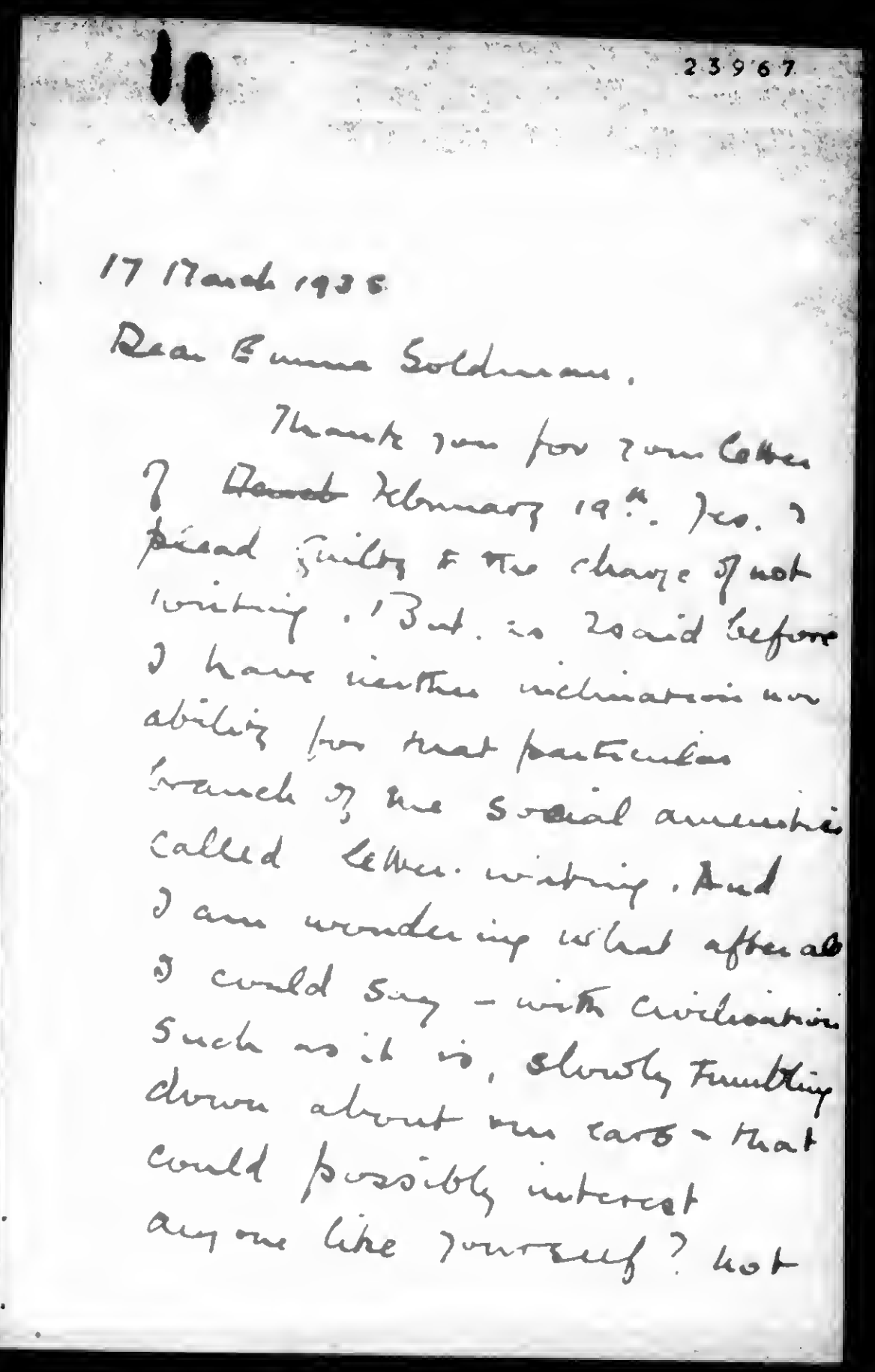
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17 March 1936

Dear Emma Goldman.

Thank you for your letter
of March 19th. Yes. I
plead guilty to the charge of not
writing. But. as Dr said before
I have neither inclination nor
ability for that particular
branch of the Social amenities
called letter-writing. And
I am wondering what after all
I could say — with civilisation
such as it is, slowly tumbling
down about our ears — that
could possibly interest
anyone like yourself? Not

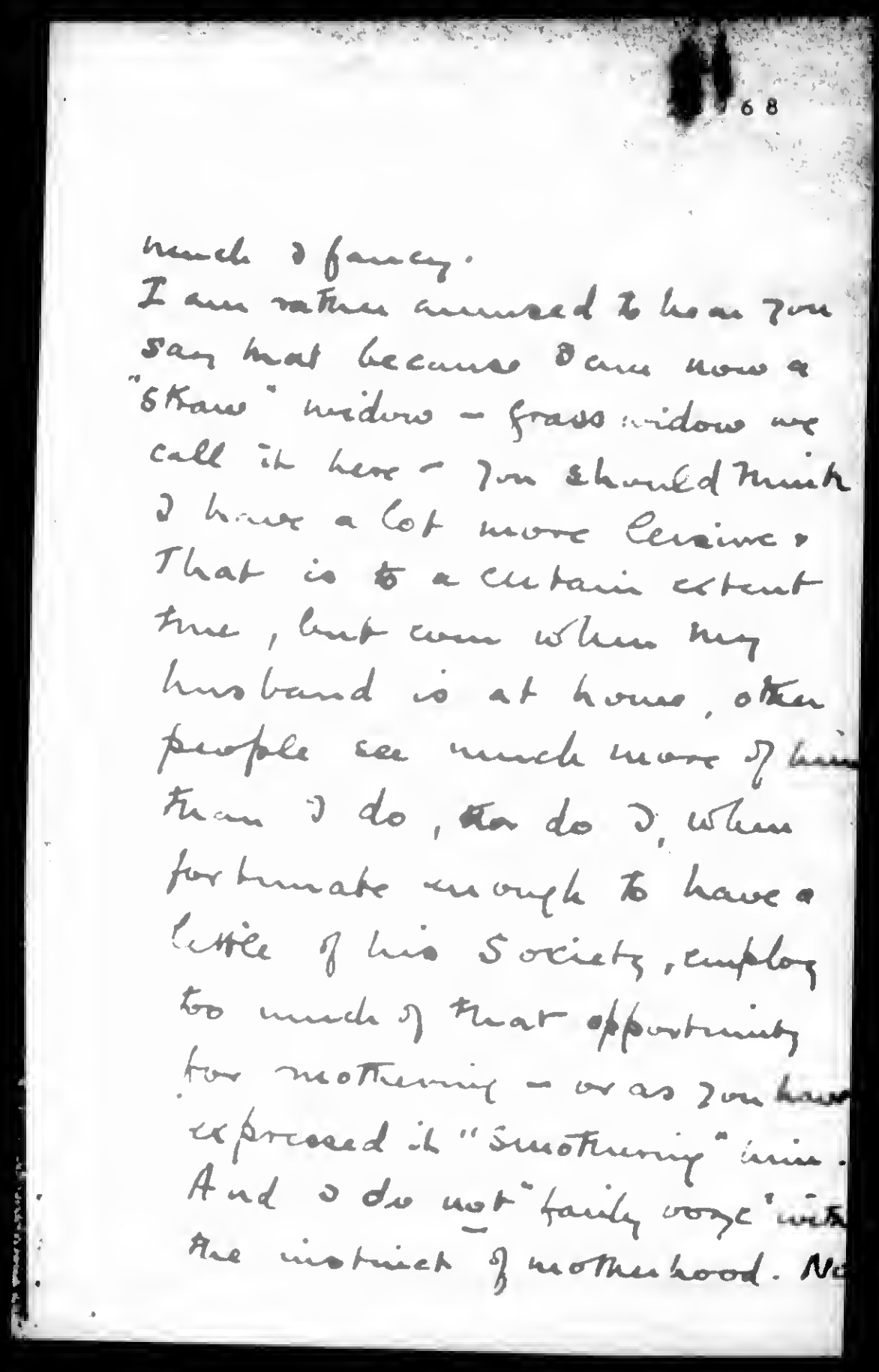
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much a fancy.
I am rather amused to hear you say that because I am now a "Straw" widow — grass widow we call it here — you should think I have a lot more leisure. That is to a certain extent true, but even when my husband is at home, other people see much more of him than I do, than do I, when fortunate enough to have a little of his Society, employ too much of that opportunity for mothering — or as you have expressed it "Smothering" him. And I do not "fairly ooze" with the instinct of motherhood. No

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woman on earth. a fascist.
has less of the maternal in
her make-up. There is far
too much sickly sentimental
nonsense talked about motherhood.
What is happening in Spain?
Are Franco & the Church once
again going to strangle the
people? It all sounds very
disquieting.
As an antidote to "Mussolini's
Roman Empire", which
depresses & fills me with shame
for my country, I have been
glad to read "Men & Manners
of the South" by

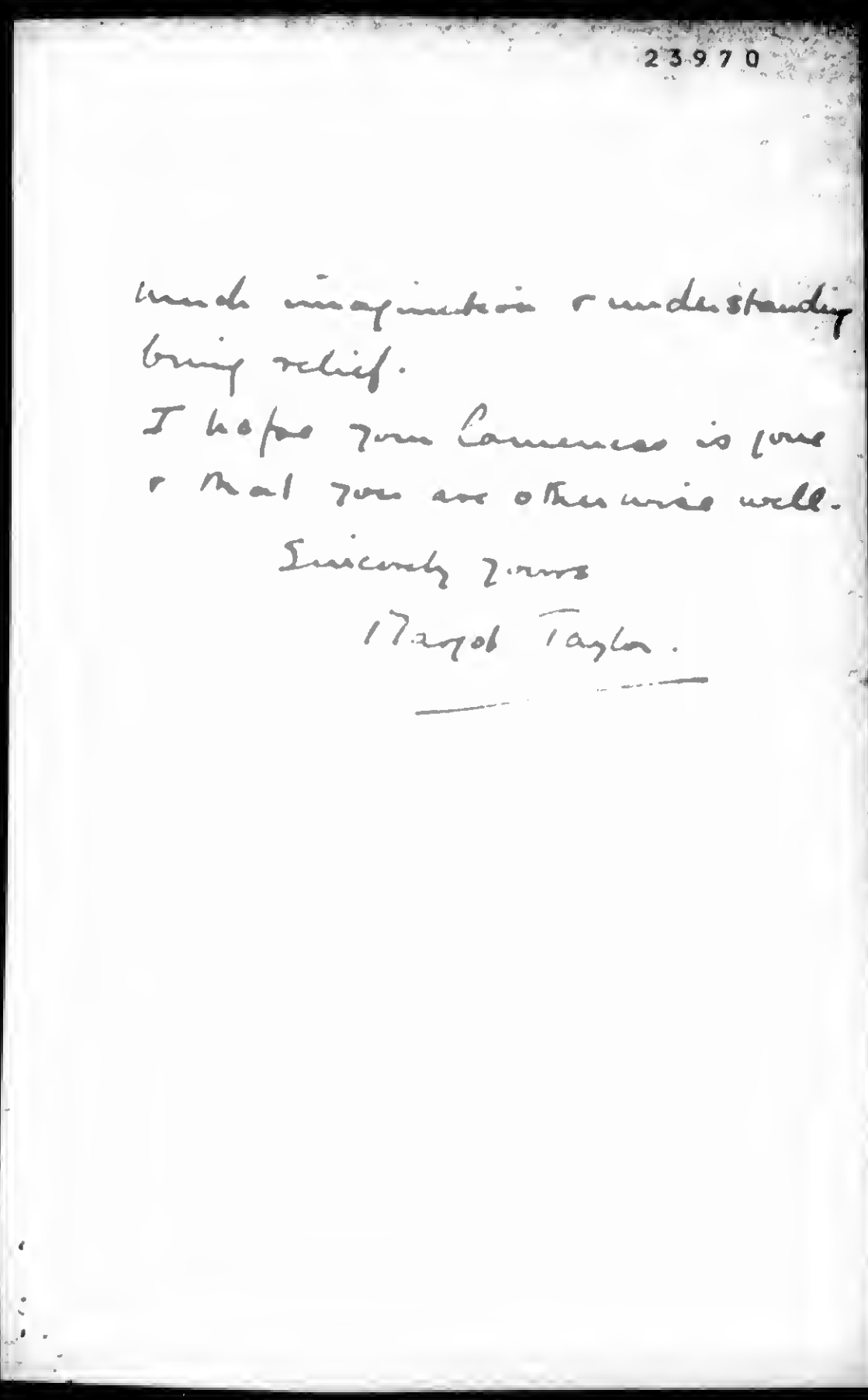
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much inquiries & understanding
bring relief.
I hope your Comrades is yours
& that you are otherwise well.

Sincerely yours
Margot Taylor.

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TOWN HALL

238, CABLE STREET.

ST GEORGE'S. E.1

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My dear Emma,

I am enclosing a few more copies with the hope that you have managed to satisfy most of your friends over the pond. More copies will have to be done if you need them.

The 19th is not far off now, and the 31st is fast approaching. Then, at Tropez where the SUN will envelop you in its golden rays. As for me I'll be right here, with my nose to the grindstone, awaiting your return

Love Shloime

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London March 18th 36.

Darling. I am sure no letters were lost. What might have happened is that in my heart hunger for you, the rest of the family, our friends and America itself may have made the intervals between your letters seem frightfully long. I know for a fact that I got nothing from you for what had seemed two weeks two or three weeks. But we need not dwell on that any more. The main thing is that you were very prompt with your last letter. I sort of suspected that you must have had a very hard and trying time during the bitter frosts and snow. I had you on my mind all the time, another reason why I missed hearing from you. I do hope the cold has let up and that, if you cannot go to New Yrk at all the warm weather in your part will soon begin.

Here it has really not been what I would reconsider cold. But I'd take a dry cold any time rather than the marrow freezing penetrating dampness in England. I tell you it is sheer torture. But it is almost over though it is far from warm.

My dearest I can well imagine what Ruths break down must have and still means to you. If only the process of her recovery were not so slow. It is fortunate that she is making progress. But at first it must have been awful. Yes the baby look splendid. Ruth and Bob have luck in their misfortune tha they found that nice German woman to look after Helene.

I was terribly sorry to learn of the illness of Frances and Eugene. I can visualize the anxiety of Saxe and [illegible] Saxe who is so wrapped up in Frances.

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I have not heard from Saxe in months.But I am writing him to day.

The latest news from my two invalides in Nice is that the Surgeon who is to operate on Emmy said she could easily wait until the first week in April when I will be back. I am waiting to hear about Sashas second operation. I cannot bear to think about it until I return.On the other hand waiting long may injure his condition. Sasha writes I did not rush at neck breaking speed. But I am determined to leave April third for Paris and from there the fifth for Nice.

I am tired as a dog from the miserable winter I had and the grind. I could stand a rest.I had promised myself to get one during April, see a few plays.hear some music. But all that had to be given up. I am too uneasy about the situation in Nice to enjoy peace or take a rest.

Yes. E has endured martyrdom. All her wild moods her strange fixations have been due to her suffering. It will be a wonderful thing if the operation will really help. I dare not expect too much. Sashas first operation heels slowly. He writes he is busy watching his urine. He is too funny for words. I inclose his and E's last letters. Send them back.S's especially I like to keep.

I inclose another statement I have sent our American friends. I am getting to the end of my stay in England. I speak to night.Then go to South Wales next week for three lectures. The 31st is the last. Its been bitter hard here dear est. I don't think I could have held out if it were not for the Sutters. They have really attached themselves to me

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They seem to have set their hearts on bringing me back to Engl and for a difinite stay. Meanwhile Sutton has financed my last lecture and has been canvassing his friends with tickets and doing ever so many small jobs to make the last days of my stay more pleasant than it has been so far. Monday both the Suttons met me at the station when I came back from Coventry. They had their car, they took me to luncheon. Then I took Mrs Sutten to Pauls performance of a play by an Negro which was given in the Stage Socicty. Then Sutten met us, took us to tea and drove me home. These little things sort of make one forget the struggle and difficulties. In fact my new friends are ready to do almost anything to help. That has been a comfrot in all the desert since last Nov.

I do not mean to say I have not left an impress ion. Whefeever I have lectured once I know I will be asked again. The surprise of my efforts here has been thex Coventry. It is a Repertory Circle with its own theatre. If you please a thounsad people crowded into it to hear me. After the lecture I was give a party by the group that runs the theatre. And every body has been very nice. Of course the fee is ridiculous. 3,Guineas, fare and hotel.But it is a lot for England. If only I could get two such engagements a week I would feel rich. The main thing about such engagments is the freedom from all detail, the grind and anxiety of whether our own lectures will pay expences. I really felt very much encouraged by Coventry. Perhaps if the various dramatic groups will be reached in time for their syllabus for the autumn I may get some bookings.

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The trouble is one cannot make plans too far in advance. T Europe is a mad house and its inmates lunatics run amuck ready to tear each other limb from limb. Who knows what will happen in the next six monhh. But even without a new conflagration is is difficult for me to make plans because of Sashas Unless he is very much improved by next Sept I will not be able to leave him. True England is not Canada one can fly to ~~Francexxx~~ Cannes in eight hours. Alas it costs £12. Still I will have to begin about dates for 36-37 not later than May. The comrade who did all thwe work this time, Ralph Barr and Sutten will relieve me of much of the correspondence with different organizations. The Drama League has also offered help. So I might some advance work done when I do return. I will see.

I said I saw Pula Robeson play in a Negro Play It deals with the rebel leader Toussain Louverture who lead the rebellion in San Domingo for the liberation of the slaves. The play itself needs reworking, its too drawn out and talky and there is no relief in the from of native dance or song. But Paul was as usually magnificient. Especially in the prison scene where he also sings. Last night I again had dinner with him and Essie. He had his accompanist there and gave me a concert all my own. It was inspiring.

I heard from Ann Lord. The Saturday Eve Post had a front page article by some woman Rose Wilder Lane. Do you know her? I am sure I dont. It is the kind the S.E.P. would take. confused and cheap. My picture taken when I went to Ellis Island with H.W. and others is on the front page.

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Communist Party. Have you ever heard greater nonsence. Anyhow this fired Anns imagination. She was ogoing to see the editor of the S.E.P. to aks if he would take an article from me. Like hell he will. Besides who can write such dribble? Ann hopes to take a group of girls to Europe when she also would visit me and "help you make some money". Fine chance. But she is a dear. She is now doing some publicity work for the womans C ity Club of New Yokr I suppose she is getting a starvation wage.

Dearest mine I wrote you to your birthday but did not remeber that it was the fifthxx fifthet. Too bad you could not have gone in. with Pauline offering you to stay with her the expence would not have been much. Of course I know a son in college costs some. But that the joy and the pain of having children. Isn't it? Thxxx Not to have them means pain minus the joy. And you have two dandy kids.

Do you ever hear from Harry? It is so strange the way he ditched me. Not a word in answer of my letters. what can it be.?

Good night dearest mine. Love to Teddy and Davy and lots of it to you.

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18th March, 1936.

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Dear Madam,

Mr. Gollancz has asked me to write and say he has great pleasure in sending you a copy of THE YELLOW SPOT, but I am afraid Heiden's biography of Hitler is not published by us, but by Messrs. Constable.

Yours faithfully,

Sheila Legend.

Enc.

Publicity Manager.

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Nice, March 18th, 36

Dearest Em. I meant to write to you today anyhow and this morning I got your handwritten letter from Coventry and it has been a long time since I have had a letter that gave me so much joy as the news of your great meeting before the "rank organization. That was wonderful, and certainly encouraging, and I know it must have done your heart good.

Dear, you have made a heroic struggle -- I mean, all your life has been a heroic struggle, but I am referring particularly to the present tour in England. This time you were more shackle-handed in your efforts than ever before, I think. What with the absence of active comrades, disillusionment, war clouds and the great poverty of the crisis -- why, our struggle in the U.S. has never had SUCH handicaps as your present struggle in England. And yet I think you have accomplished wonders -- the mere fact that you have kept it up for over 4 months is proof of it. Well, dear heart, I can tell you frankly that I don't know any one else who could have carried through such a struggle against such terrific odds. I know I could never have done it.

Well, I am happy you have found such wonderful exceptions as the Buttons. Too bad it was only almost at the end of your tour. But at any rate, that is a most happy find. They surely must be peculiar couple, from your description. I think you represent to them the awakened social conscience and spirit of rebellion against injustice, and that is what has made them feel so close to you, aside of the personal equation, of course. -- I am sure they will also keep up their interest and of course you will keep in touch with them when you are here.

I hope, dear, your remaining lectures will also be satisfactory, at least, and then I am thinking of the big affair on the 31st and pray whatever gods there be that it prove a splendid success. Some how I have the feeling that it will.

I hope you have entirely recovered from your cold and also from the effects of that gas that you inhaled so unwittingly and generously. Take care of yourself, dear girl, and rest up a few days, either in London or Paris, before you return here. Of course you'll stay in the apartment here. It is really very nice and handy for buying things etc. and quite comfortable. It is a little out of the center of the city, but then one does not need the center very often. And as to the hospital, the connections are all right. But sufficient unto the day.

You know already that E's doctor said she can walk it a month or more, so that part of it is OK.

Here nothig new. Stella has written a very sympathetic note. But she said nothing about herself, and so I assume that she is working hard as usual and her life very uninteresting now. She is still in the country.

I have not been writing much to any one, because sitting at the machine is a strain on the prostate and I don't like long hand writing. That is also why I feed you on toast la mostly. But you understand, dear.

Yes, dear, you are right, history repeats itself and now we seem to be just wher

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[illegible] March [illegible]

[illegible] Many thanks for your letter. Fitting Madness does not presage my good. There [illegible] [illegible] but in the nature of things – may be in a flat or [illegible] [illegible] Well, it is no use looking into the future.

[illegible] will not write to Lewis Fisher, as asked in doing so. Only to harass.

How are the 'suffering's, dear? Is Simcox recuperating and is he able to work? Give them both my kindest greetings and wishes for good health. Also to the Everards, if you see them. And to the Buttons.

The cards for the lecture on March 31 are very good. Look nice and read well. Hope it will have a great and appreciative audience.

That is all for today, dear. It is the 18th, but there is not much to congratulate oneself on, is there, dear? Except that after all these years, long and hard years and fearful changes in the world, our old friendship has remained unchanged, and indeed stronger and more understanding and intimate than ever. And THAT is a very great deal.

s'long now, dear chum. Emmy sends love. She has not been much in a letter writing mood of late, but hopes you will excuse her. She is picking up bit of weight, which she will need before long. She asks me to tell you that she could use two night gowns, but they should be <u>with long sleeves</u>, warm ones and <u>simple</u>, for in the hospital they do not allow the women to wear any fancy night gowns.

I embrace you affectionately,

Ever your old

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Office of the President

March 19, 1936.

Dear Miss Goldman:

Many thanks for your kind letter of March 10th with your check in accordance with which we sent a copy of LIVING MY LIFE to Mr. Braund. I can quite understand and believe that you would find England, in spite of her shortcomings, a most comfortable place in which to live in these very troubled times. Certainly it is hard to be an optimist these days.

With kindest regards in which Mrs. Knopf joins me, I am

Yours sincerely,

Alfred A. Knopf

Miss Emma Goldman
c/o A. Berkman
101, Blvd. de Cessole
Nice, France

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Co. for a cheap edition of LIVING MY LIFE and this they have published at $1.49. I am sending you a copy of this under separate cover. There will not, I fear, be any financial return to you from this as I don't think it likely that the very small royalty they pay - 7¢ a copy - will make much of a dent in our unearned advance, but it will certainly get you a wider audience and make the book available to people who have heretofore not been able to buy it.

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London March 20th 36.

Dearest Sash.

Nothing from you yesterday.And nothing as yet to day. There are still two deliveries.So something may come. It is only that I am leaving the house about 2.o/c and will not be back unti late.So I am writing now as I want to send this by Exress.

Dearie,I have asked you over so many times about your own operation. Have you seen your xxxxxx man and what had he to say? I have asked that in every letter. And your answer is always that E's operation can wait. I am glad for that of course.But I am frightfully uneasy about your second operation.Can that wait? You understand myanxiety of knowing that you MUST NOT DELAY THE OPERATION. Thats why I said I would fly if need be. But on the other hand it makes me equally uneasy xxx if waiting for me is likely to have grave results. So will you please see your man if possible Monday and wire me.

The reason of being in such haste is that I have to book my passage early next week. You see I thought I'd take a thir third class sleeper from Paris. And I can make the reservation from here.But I have to do so much in advance. Thats why I would like to have a reply from you by Tuesday,or the latest Wed. Another thing,I can get a boat here to Marseille that would bring me there in six days,[illegible]to as quickly as by train if I stay over in Paris a day or two.On the other hand it would save me the rotten journey third class to Nice. The difference is small. By train from here to Nice third class if I take a sleeper will cost £6.10. By boat to Marseille £9. On the other hand my stopping off in Paris for a day or two,taxis back and forth to stations and shipping my trunk petite vitesse would surely cost 200 fr, or even more. There is no excess wait on a steamer. Anyhow, I would go by boat only if you have made [illegible] CERTAIN THAT YOUR OPERATION CAN WAIT WITHOUT GRAVE CONSEQUENCES. You see dearest why I am in harry to hear from you by wire. Please,please Sash my dear do not consider me one way or another. I am ready to rush to your side the fastest possible way. It will mean no inconvinience to me. Its your condition and nothing else that is important in your dicision. Its pleasant to go by boat of course,and restful for such an old sailor girl as your old chum. But all that is of no account at all. It's whether you can wait without injury,or not. A day may sometimes mean an awful lot in operations. And I can travel so that in case of necessity I can be in Nice the fifth,or I can be there the fourth if by flying. Yes, the expence,being poor as we are that has to be considered.But not where your health is concerned. Anyhow Do see your man and wire me. I must have word by the 24 fourth. Because on that date I must leave for South Wales. Yes, better keep writing here.

My lecture last night on Anarchism was again punk. In fact worse because it was in a more dismal hall thanx

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were at the other meetings in Hammersmith. Our people simply do not know how to organize lectures. Mum I tell you that they did not have the handbills ready until six days before the lecture and that only about five hundred handbills were given out you will not be surprised to learn that last nights affair was a complete flop. About fifty people in a rotten hall. I had worked hard over my lecture on anarchism had a lot of new informative material. It was just for die Katz and I came home sick to my heart. Well, its over though I have no idea how the last affair will come out. It is only that Sutton sells most of the tickets and that he is spending a lot of money on advertising and display. He even put up three posters on the principle underground stations. And about 800 cards were sent out by mail so that may save the situation. But I am not very hopeful. It seems almost impossible to get crowds in London. It is more hopefull in the provinces and if I do get back here I will concentrate on that. So far its been blood letting all the time. Well, its over soon. Thats fortunate.

Had a letter from Jeanne, bless her she is so efficient. She already received the 25 copies of the Memoirs and she will immidiately proceed to sell them at $2. She writes she will send you $25 so as not to wait until she has made the sales. I wish New York, Los Angeles and Toronto would be as quick. I hope though you will get a little money from your work. I will have only about 35 copies left which I am hanging on to. I may later put an add in the Nation and New Republic. It may help to bring orders.

I must dash off now to see Danial and settle my accounts with him.

Dearie please see your surgeon and send me word.

Devoted love.

Emmy, my dearest. I hope to write you a let er all your own tomorrow. I haven't the time now. I hope you are not feeling too bad. I feel like a criminal to keep you in pain when you should have the operation. Thats the price those pay who dedicate themselves to an idea. Worse luck is nobody wants that idea. And yet one cannot let go. Verruckt. Don't you think?

Much love.

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Nice, March 21 36

Heavenly words your good letter the other day - but one regret yours with absolute of Ann Kad's.
(My machine somewhat on the blum
- would have it be great)

Yes, Ann is rather enthusiastic
but no one can tell - she
may manage & come to us,
and it would be good & have her.
Not a new, dear. Things are
satisfactory here, comparatively
of course, and the Exx I are
Waiting eagerly for your return.
But as I said you must take
a few days & rest up in
London or Paris, as you first Lesx.
You ask about my condition.
It's all right however. In a few
days I'll consult my specialist
& he can examine me again. Just
as a precaution, for I am
sure like you course. No
Wait till I hear from me, dear
Love & best to know that
You would be glad to know that

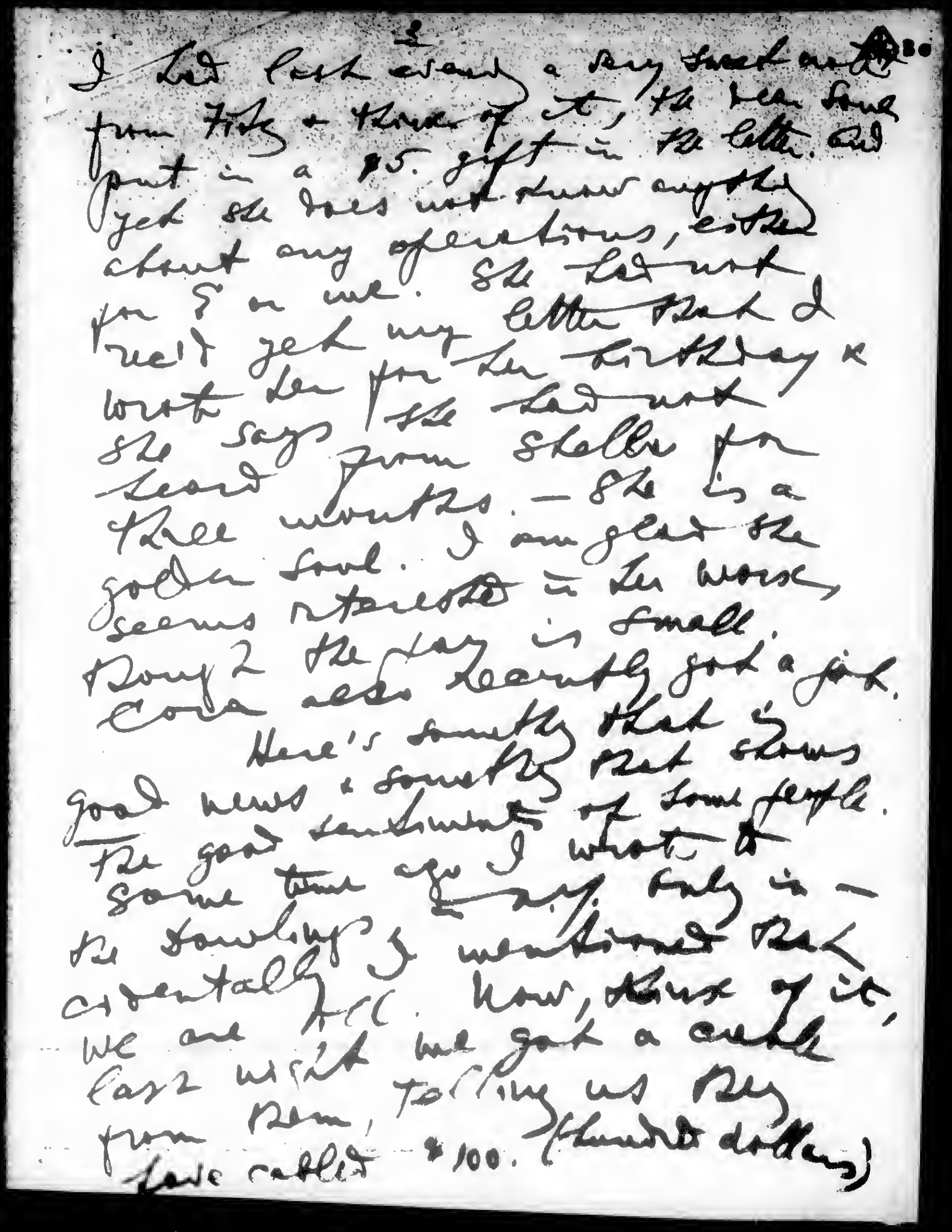
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I am glad Ames. Rose. Jan 2 Rak
really free. Well, then I'll know now
Rak for the present we need not
worry about Rose.

S. feels pretty good today &
I also. Both boys are fairly
a bit satisfactory with you,
dear dear friend. forgive Rak
greater 2 Rak
ever ever.

By the way, dear. The enclosed from
Spain came yest. for Sanya. Did
you get her letter also? May
be Ray don't know your address.

I would reply: To question 1:
yes, it is a principle of ours.
To # 2: no.
To # 3. in. cannot participate
in Pol. act. but for our workers
work in the camp & defensive our true purposes.

But there is one question in my
mind. In his last election in Spain
the Wal. Syd. (our legal) team &
the Wal. voted with the other radicals &
Lieve voted Revolt. gained a majority

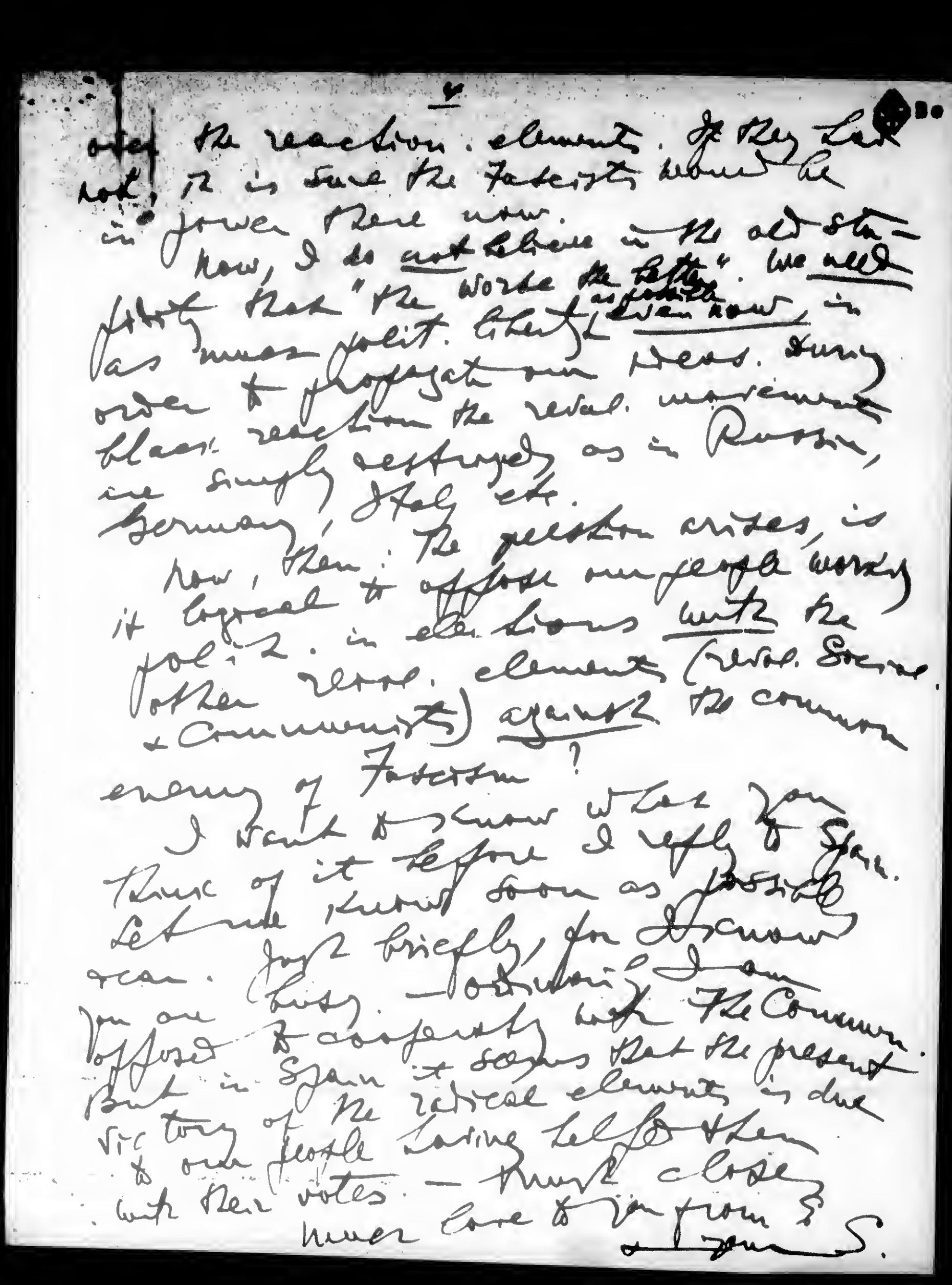
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other the reaction. element. of Rey Left
Look, it is sure the Fascists about the
in power there now.
Now, I do not believe in the old stu-
pidity that "the worse the better". We need
as much as it. Every effort in our
order to protect our lives. Every
place resistance the revol. movement
can simply destroyed as in Russia,
Germany, Italy etc.
Now, then: the question arises, is
it logical to oppose our people working
pol. in elections with the
other revol. elements (revol. Socia.
& Communists) against the common
enemy of Fascism?
I want to know what you
think of it before I reply to Spain.
Let me know soon as possible.
Just briefly, for I know
you are busy — Fraternally, Sam
Yours & company with the Commun.
But in Spain it seems that the present
victory of the radical elements is due
to our people having left for them
with their votes — Must close
hurry love to you from
Sam S.

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London March 22nd 36.

My dearest,old Chum. That was a beautiful letter you wrote me the 18th. Not that I did not know how you feel about my struggle and about my work.But a fellow does sometime long so hear that ones nearest and dearest realize the struggle and appreciate one's effort. I don t much give a damn if outsiders,or our com rades fail to understand,or to care. I do not even care so much about anybody opinion as I do about yours. Then too,one begins to value the few most precious friends of a life time when one goes on in age than one does in ones youth. Youth having all of life to live,is so callous and indifferent to time and relat ionships. But when when gets to my age one clings more hungrily to the few unchangeable friends. Thats why your letter gave me such a lot of joy. I felt it was almost worth while to go through the pain and the misery of four months to have you say such love ly things about me. I hope to give you a special hug when I come back.

Icannot agree with you,my dearest when you write that you could not do what I have done. Of course dearest Sash you could not do it now sick as you are. I also could not have goen through such an ordeal but for my iron constitution. Nothing seems to harm that.Not even a frightful cold and the worst kind o of a cough I had in years. Such things roll off from me like water from a duck. A few days warm weather and I am again feel ing alright. With such a constitution it is no virtue to go on against all odds. And I know you would. Did you not prove it time on end. Have you forgotten how ill you were before you got to the Bedford and how energetic and active you became when confront ed with an necessity. And on many previous occasions. In Russia for instance, with ulsters in your stomach yet going to Nillaiev under such trying and dangerous conditions. So you must not say you could not do what I am doing.Just you get well and have the occasion and the call to get right into the swim.And you would still show that you can do more and braver than many a youngster. No, I will not permit you to underestimate my own dearest,precious chum,so heoric and brave and ever ready when called upong to do rescue a situation no matter how great the danger. I know you dear kid better than anyone else.So don't you dare slender my ild tolstogub.

However, I do admit the struggle here and the dis appointments have been colossal. The misery over our comrades was I think hardest to bear. Their lack of vision, their lack of adventure, their utter inefficiency was enough to drive one mad. Even Barr who is the best in London and who is interested and willing is a helpless creature. Imagine leaving the distrubution of handbills until six days before a lecture. And to print only 300 copies for a hall that holds double the number in a vast city like London. Is it surprising that the attendence to the lect ure on Anarchism proved a failure. About forty to fifty people in a hidious hall like those we used to meet in forty five years ago,on the third flour the miserable narrow,dirty steps to climbe ,

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up. My mind just became a blank.So much so that I had to read
last most of my notes,I simply could not remember half of them. It was
a mess I can tell you. I don't know why it should be this way
in London. Fact is not one of the seven meetings I had in this
city was worth while. It is the more strange because in America
the large cities have always been the best field. Here it is
just the reverse. The smallest meeting I had in any of the
provincial towns has been better attended and displayed a better
spirit than the London ones.

Well, it will soon beover. But if I should get back here I am going to concentrate on one meeting a month or in two months,in a decent hall and with some admission. For the rest I will devote to the provinces. Anything else would again be a waste of time and more heartache. One cannot stand it all the time I don't know yet about returning to take up living quaters here. Its silly to plan too far in advance with the world ready to break out like a tornado or earth quake. Then too,it will depend on your health. I have promised myself not to go away again ~~xxxxxx~~ unless you completely recover this time. It takes it out of me too much, the anxiety about you and the longing to be with you to give you the care you need. Oh, I know,no one can give you better care than E.But poor kid has suffered so much,it must have been awful to have to care for you. I hope with all my heart the operation will make an end to her purgatory. Once that removed she would pick up soon and I am sure life will take on a different meaning to her. But aside of all other personal considerations I don't see how one man can ~~make xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ achieve more than what I have achieved in this damned country all the times I came here.

True,Sutton is wonderfully efficient. His tremendious energy,his business ability and his keen interest in my work would no doubt bring better results than I have had so far. But after all,he is only one. Though he is most generous he has no such means ~~xx~~ necessary to make lectures go in England. Another thing is that his circle of acquaintance is anything but ~~xx~~ socially aware and intellectually curious enough to care for E.G. Anarchism or lectures. He is able to dispose of a lot of tickets,first because he has no end of gall. And secondly because people are under his obligations for jobs he got them,reduction of rates and what not.They cannot very well refuse But its alright for once. It would not do very often. And of what good is the sale of tickets when the people will not attend. They may the last lecture. But I am speaking of the furture. Well, Sutton has set his mind and his heart on establishing me in England. I will let him go ahead. But between you and me and the lamp post I do not think much will come of it. It will mean the fare back to England, some kind of an apprt,either furnished or with a few pieces of furniture on instalment. And it will ,ean living expences for months anyhow. I don't see where all thi this is to come from. But as I said its no use planning so far in advance.

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The inclosed letter from ... will interest you. I have written her to the effect that I had intended to put an add in one of the London papers that look after real estate in France for English people. I am willing to wait until her friend knows whether she can dispose of her house in France and buy our place. Or if that cannot be I would be willing to let her have the place for the winter if she can pay some rent. I though if I can at least get the amount ~~a-mount~~ you pay for your Aprt it would be of considerable help and we would not have to rush with the sale of Bon Esprit. Don't you agree dear? One thing is certain our place has been taken good care of and it will be more pleasant and less expensive to come back. No labor or expence of any sort involved. It was really worth while to permit Ann to have Bon Esprit for the care she has taken of the vine, tres and flowers. It will be great to still have our dear retreat when you have recocred from your siege of operations and illness. And Emmy too . Once completely well she may have a different attitude to everything. At any rate she must remain free to follow her bent.

Simion K. is far from well. What he really needs is a complete rest in some sunny and warm spot. Liza is dreaming of sending him to the South of France. But he will never go ~~nnnn~~ without her. And they are too poor for both. They thank you for your greeting and they send their love.

I do hope I will have a wire from you not later than Tuesday so I can settle about my going, whether it is to be by boat to Marseille ,or by train to Paris and two days later to Nice. As I wrote you I am very worried about the delay of your operation. I should think the man who comes to change your tube and bandages or whatever he is doing ought to know about the second operation. I hope you have not in anyway injured yourself by waiting so long. I am looking forward to your wire.

Soon dearest I will take you in my arms and take care of you.

With love. Em

Sure dearie your Aprt is very nice.It is only that two sick people need seperate beds. So I do not see where you and E. are going to put me. When you will both be in the hospital it will be easy.But I hope you will not have to be there very long. The main thing will be the convalescence at home and the care. Well, we will see. I am entirely at your and Es command. When you will both be well again I can again become the boss.

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Sunday March 22nd 36.

Dear Mr Daniel.

Inclosed please find ten 1/ tickets as per your request. On a seperate sheet you will find the names and addresse of the people in Toronto to whom copies of Prison Memoirs should go .

About the statement of accounts. I have checked them all off with the invoices sent me except one. It is of March 16th an item of 1/6. I cannot make that out. I am sure it must be right only I would like to know what it was. I am a rotten book keeper. [illegible]. For instance, I also cannot understand why my indetedness comes to £ 7 18 4. after £1 14 10 and £1 for the twenty copies of The Memoirs due me have been deducted .Shpuld it not be so much less? I am sorry to be so dumb. I know you will not mind explaining.Or your very efficient secret ary will.

In going over the copies of DISILLUSIONMENT left over I see that I overlooked 8 copies of the dozen sent me at 4/ a copie. I am sorrow to have to send these back as well. I will do so when I return from South Wales the 30th. Meanwhile kindly credit me with the amount.And use this for the mailing of The Memoirs to Toronto. I hope I have made myself clear.

I am delighted to know you will have a real rest as only a sea voyage can give. But also I am sorry not to s see you any more. I hope we can see more of each other when

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I return than we have on this visit. meanwhile please do see Sutten again. I cannot begin totell you how helpful and generous he has been. His interest so keen and eager has ~~ma~~helped me more than I can say in hodling on to the struggle which other wise would have been altogether impossible . I know Sutten will leave no hing undone to bring me back.But he will need cooperat ion. I hope you will give him that.

When I do settel in London perhaps we can make a similar arrangements with DISILLUSIONMENT as with The Memoirs. Even 4/ are evidently too much for the book. I sold fifty copies of Berkmans work and only two dozen of mine. Of course there is the oppositonn to my book on Russia and also it is considered out of date though the condition in Russia con tinue as in 21. I do think ~~we~~ if sol for less than four shilling we might be able to dispose of all you still have when I begin a new course of lecture next season.

Goodby dear Mr Dabile. Thanks for your kind ness and please thank your staff for having attended to every thing so promptly.

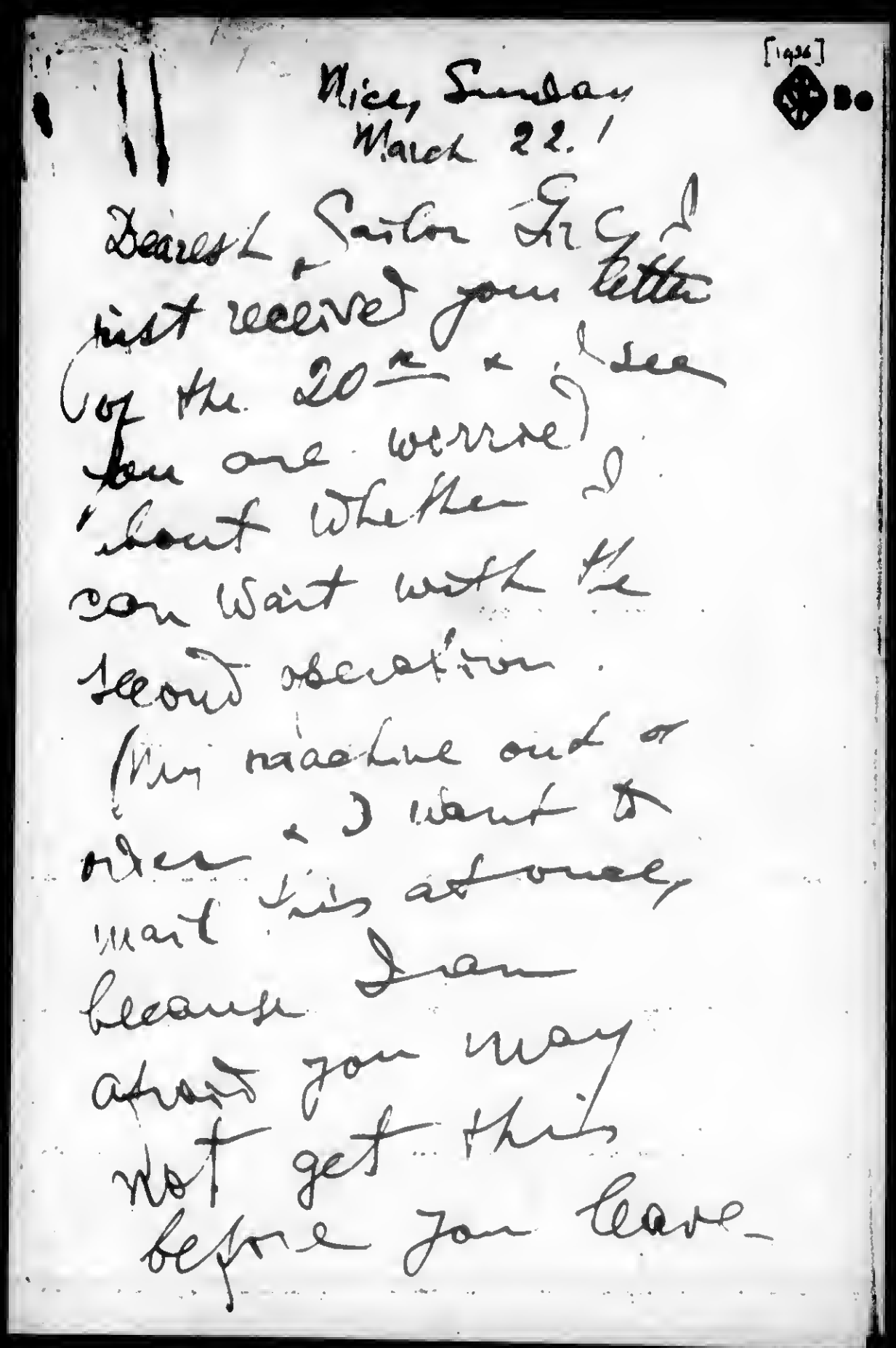
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[1936]

Nice, Sunday
March 22.

Dearest Sasha Just
just received your letter
of the 20th & I see
how one worries
about whether I
can wait with the
second operation.
(My machine out of
order & I want to
wait his answer,
because I am
afraid you may
not get this
before you leave

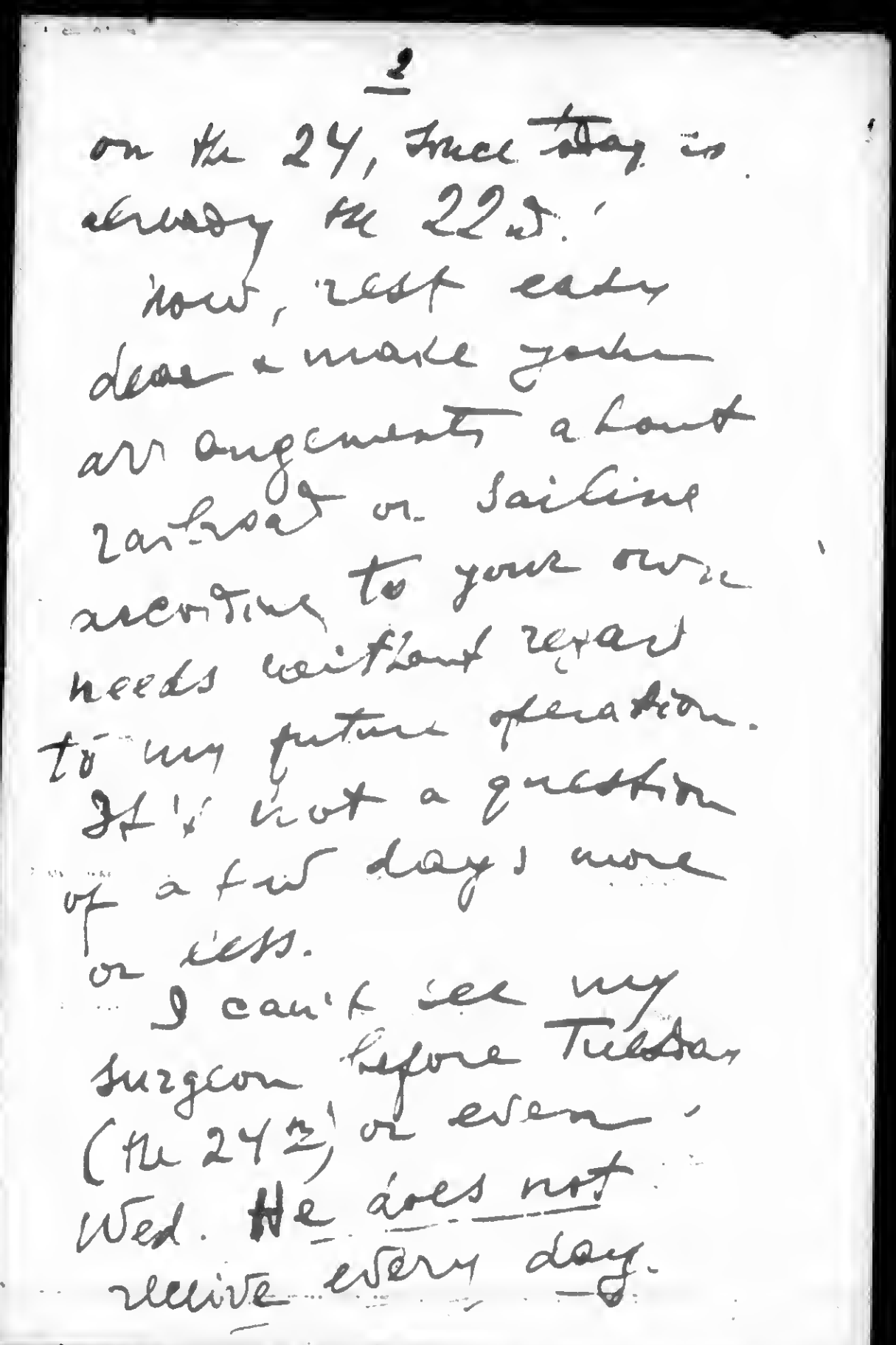
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on the 24, since today is already the 22d.

Now, rest easy dear & make your arrangements about railroad or sailing according to your own needs without regard to my future operation. It's not a question of a few days more or less.

I can't see my surgeon before Tuesday (the 24th) or even Wed. He does not receive every day.

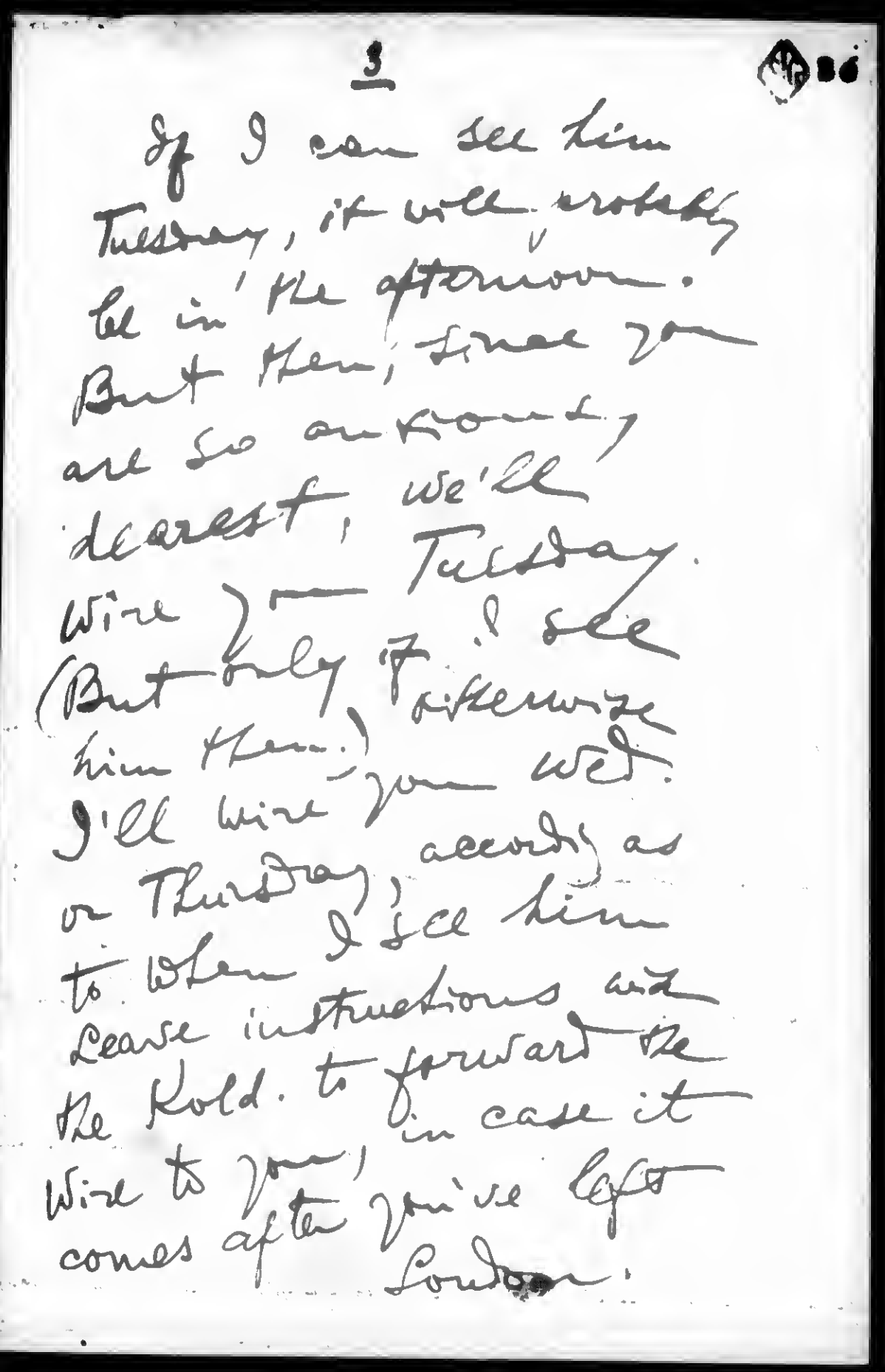
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If I can see him
Tuesday, it will probably
be in the afternoon.
But then, since you
are so anxious,
dearest, we'll
wire) — Tuesday.
(But only if I see
him then.)
I'll wire you wed.
or Thursday, according as
to when I see him
Leave instructions with
the Kold. to forward the
wire to you, in case it
comes after you've left
London.

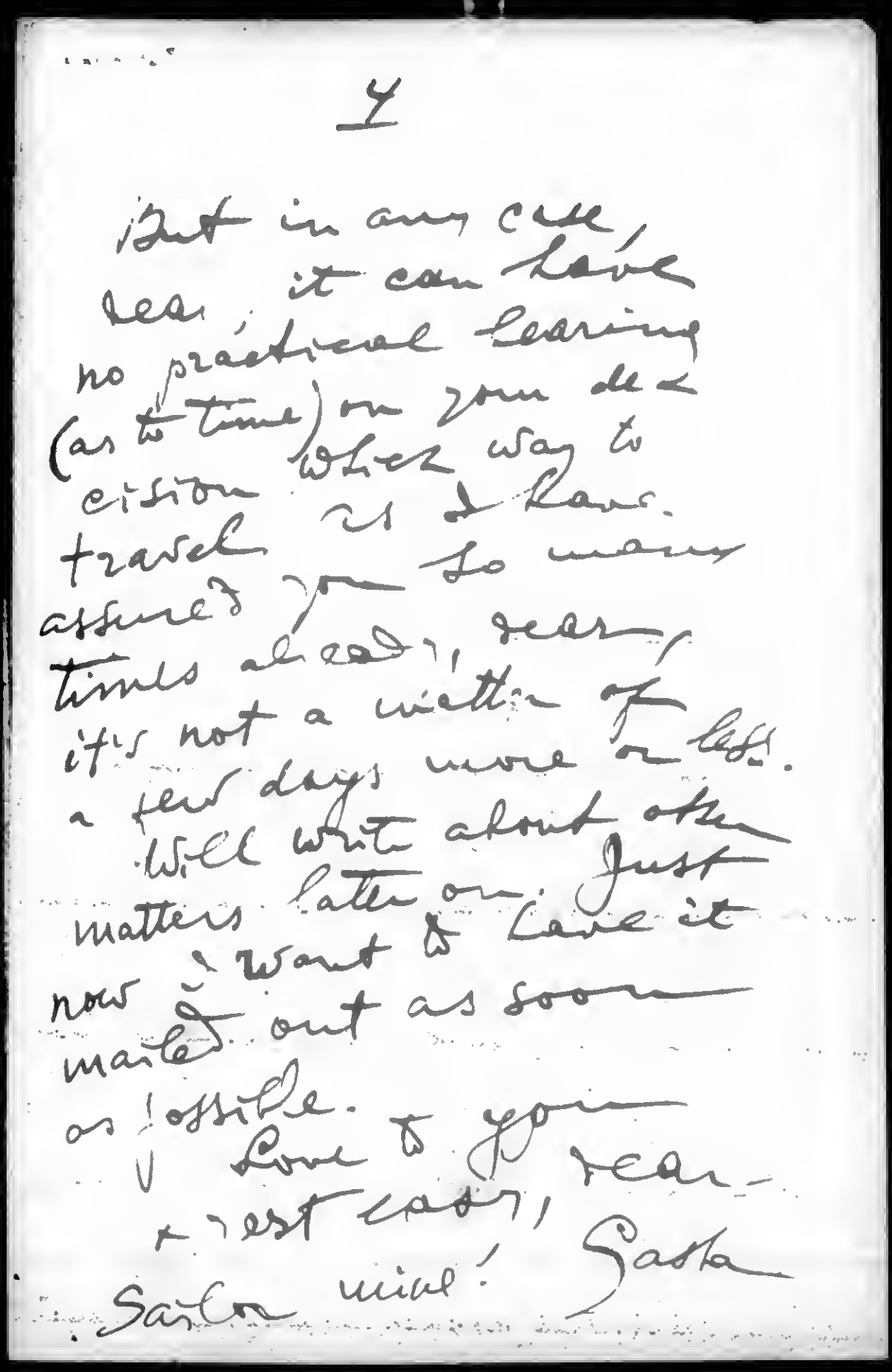
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But in any case,
dear, it can have
no practical bearing
(as to time) on your de-
cision. Other way to
travel is a bore.
Assume you so many
times ahead, dear,
it's not a matter of
a few days more or less.
Will write about other
matters later on. Just
now I want to have it
mailed out as soon
as possible.
Love to you
& best luck, dear
Sasha mine! Sasha

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Leyes Lane,
Kenilworth,
Warwickshire.

March 22 1936

My Dear Miss Goldman,

Many thanks for your letter. I am glad that the theatre secretary sent you the right amount. In the ordinary course of events that little job would have fallen on my shoulders but, as you know, I have now left the service of the theatre.

I fear the photo did not appear...at least I have not seen it but there was an excellent report in the newspaper....which is attached herewith.

Unfortunately we shall not be able to attend your last lecture as we shall not be in London on that day.

It was pleasant meeting you...a pleasure, which, we both hope, will mean that we meet again when you return to this country.

Your lecture was much enjoyed by us all. It does these provincial playgoers good to be told that they should not model their theatre on London. London, to them, is the be all and end all of theatre-land. We are an insular crowd aren't we.

With all good wishes from us both,

Very sincerely,

George Fearon

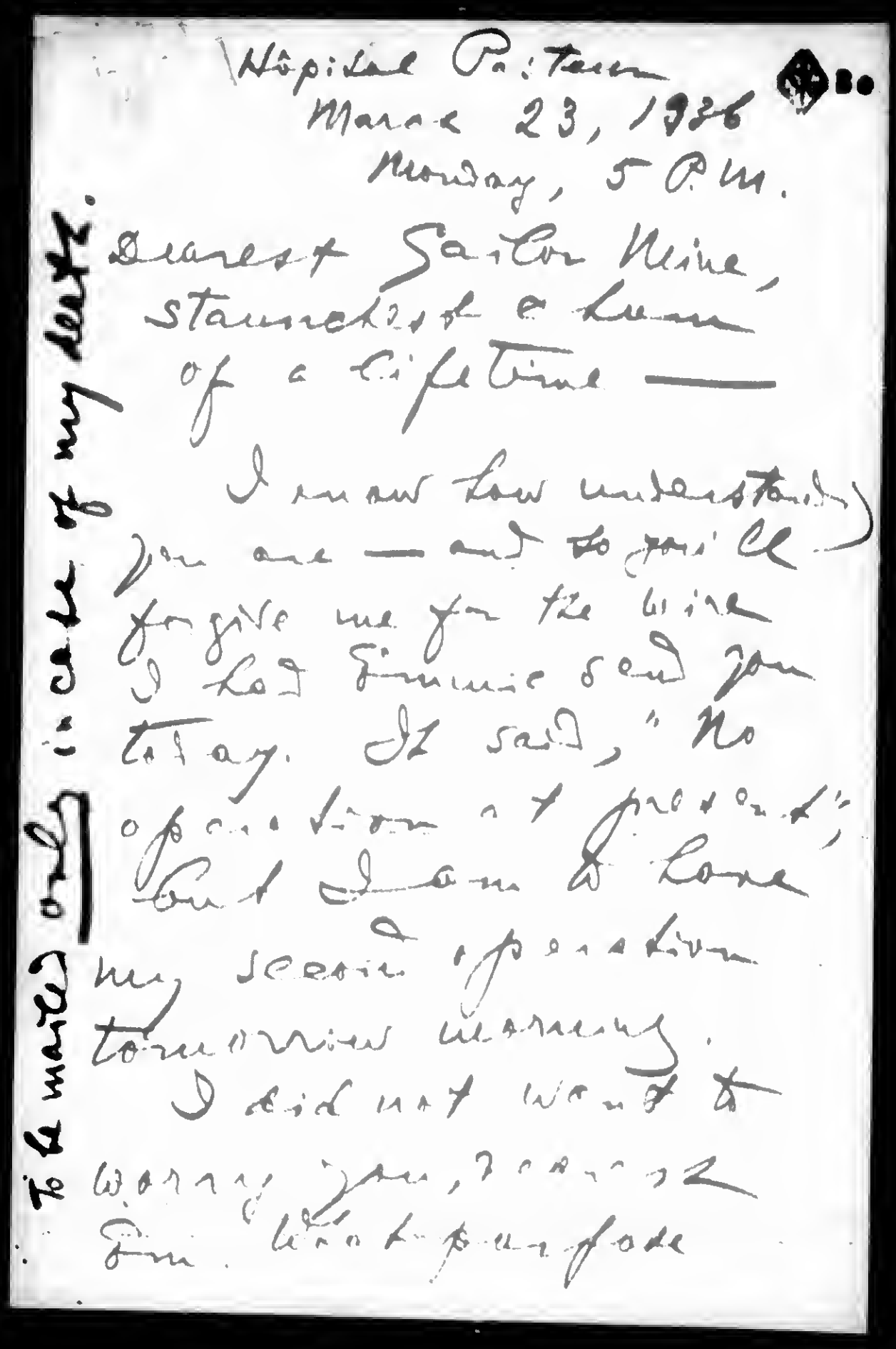
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Hôpital Pasteur
Marsa 23, 1936
Monday, 5 P.M.

Dearest Sasha Mine,
stammered a hum
of a lifetime ——

I know how understand
you are — and to provide
forgive me for the wire
I had Fanny send you
today. It said, "No
operation at present"
but I am a hope
my secret operation
tomorrow morning.

I did not want to
worry you, I know
Fanny will keep you

to write only in case of

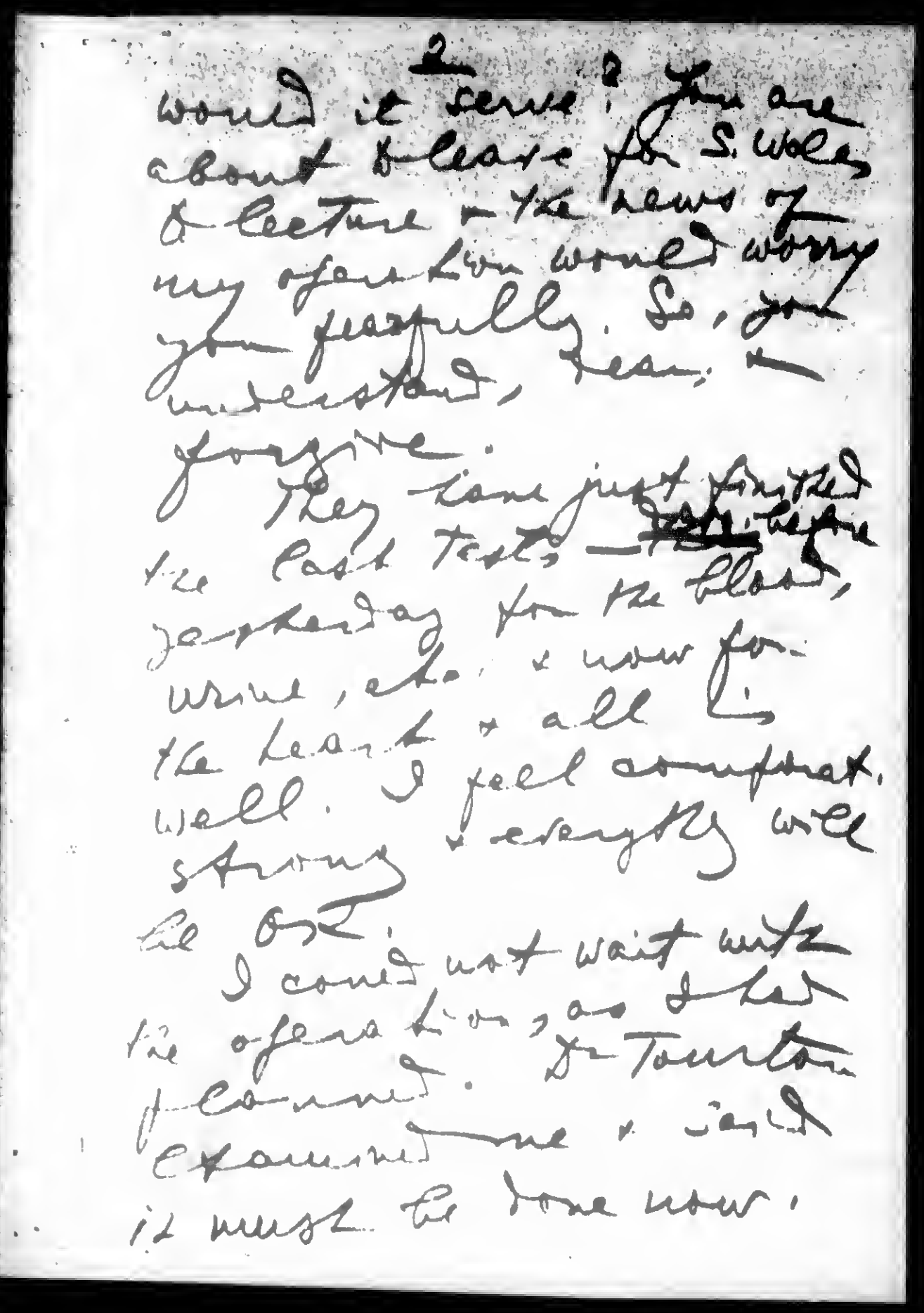
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would it serve? You are
about to leave for S. Wales
& lecture — the news of
my operation would worry
you needlessly. So, dear
you understand, dear —
forgive me.

Yes, time just started
the last Tests — Tuesday,
Wednesday for the blood,
urine, etc. & now for
the result & all is
well. I feel comfort.
strong & energy well
the Ok.

I could not wait with
the operation, as I had
planned. Dr Tourtellotte
examined me & said
it must be done now.

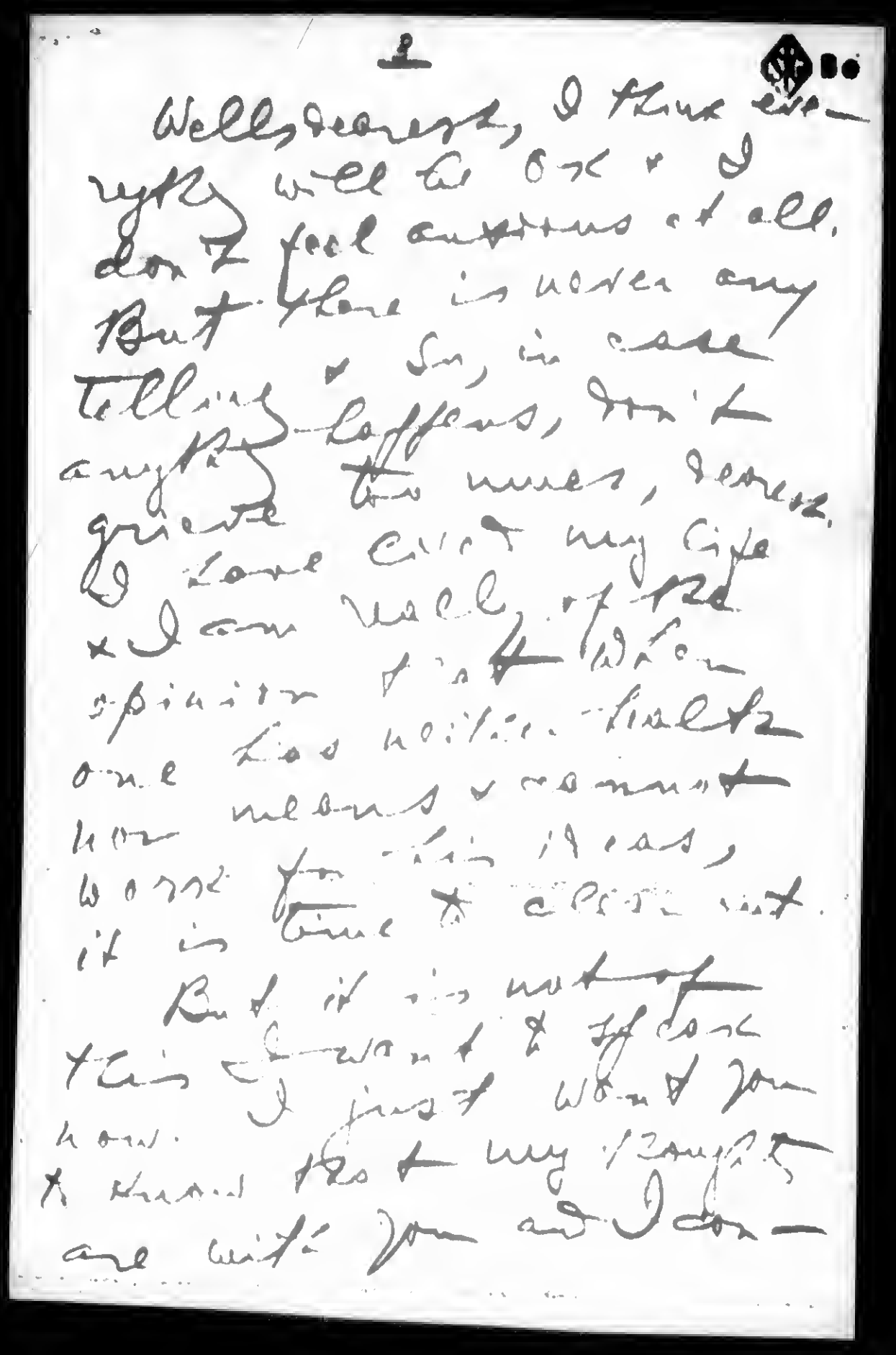
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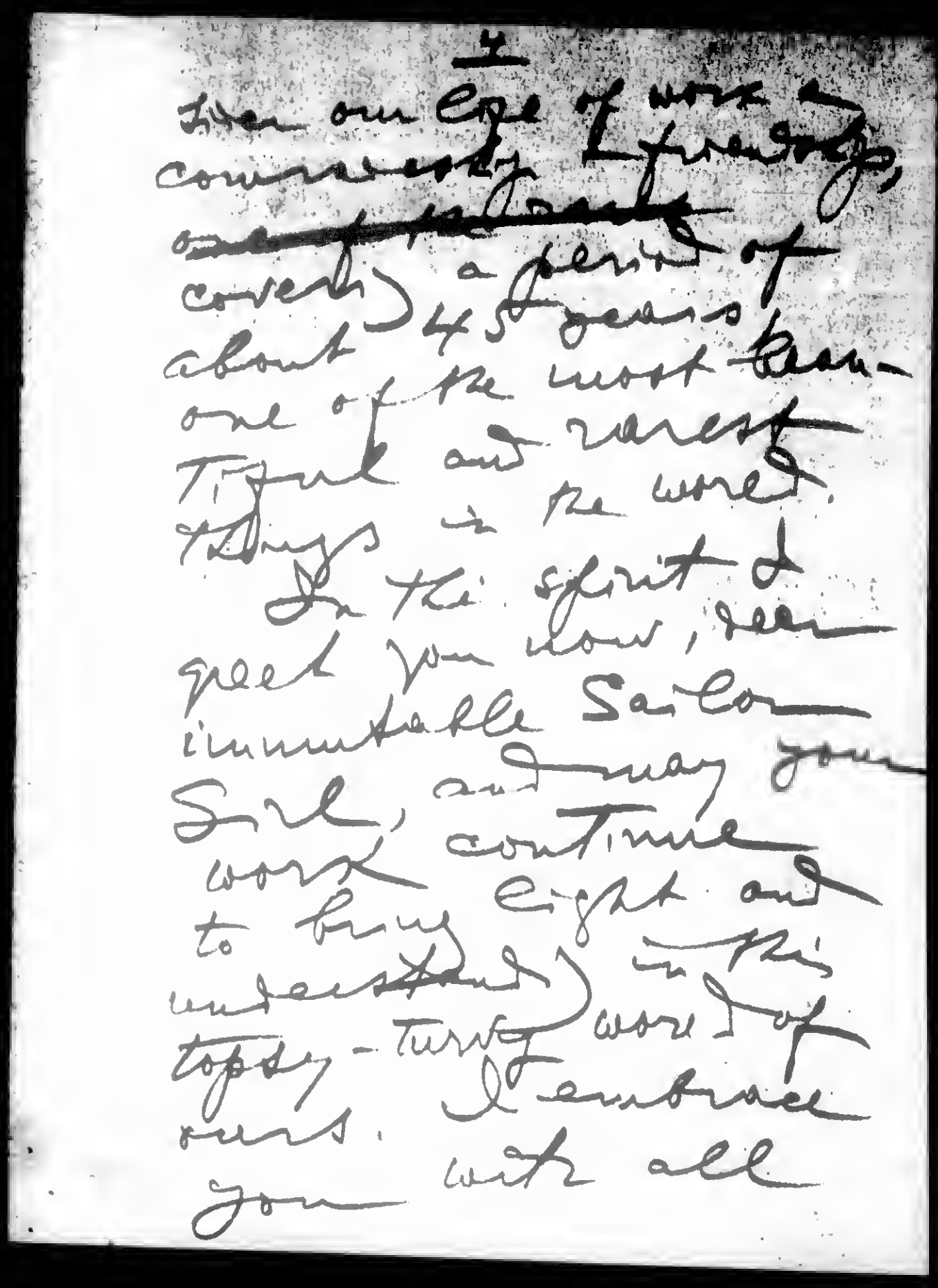
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When our cycle of work & comradeship, ~~of friendship~~ covers a period of about 45 years, one of the most beautiful and rarest things in the world.

In this spirit I greet you now, dear immutable Sailor Girl, and may your work continue to bring light and understanding in this topsy-turvy world of ours. I embrace you with all

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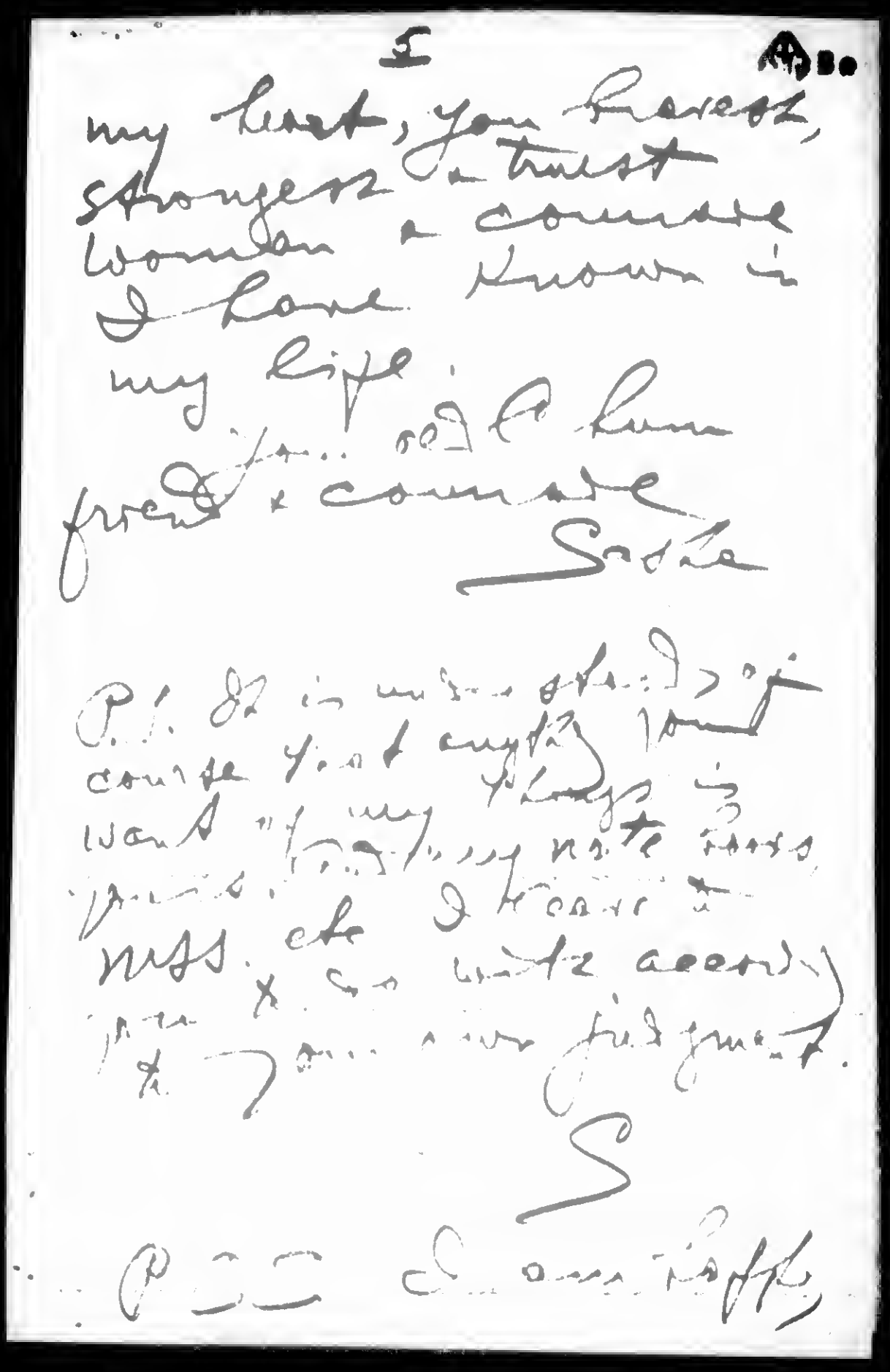
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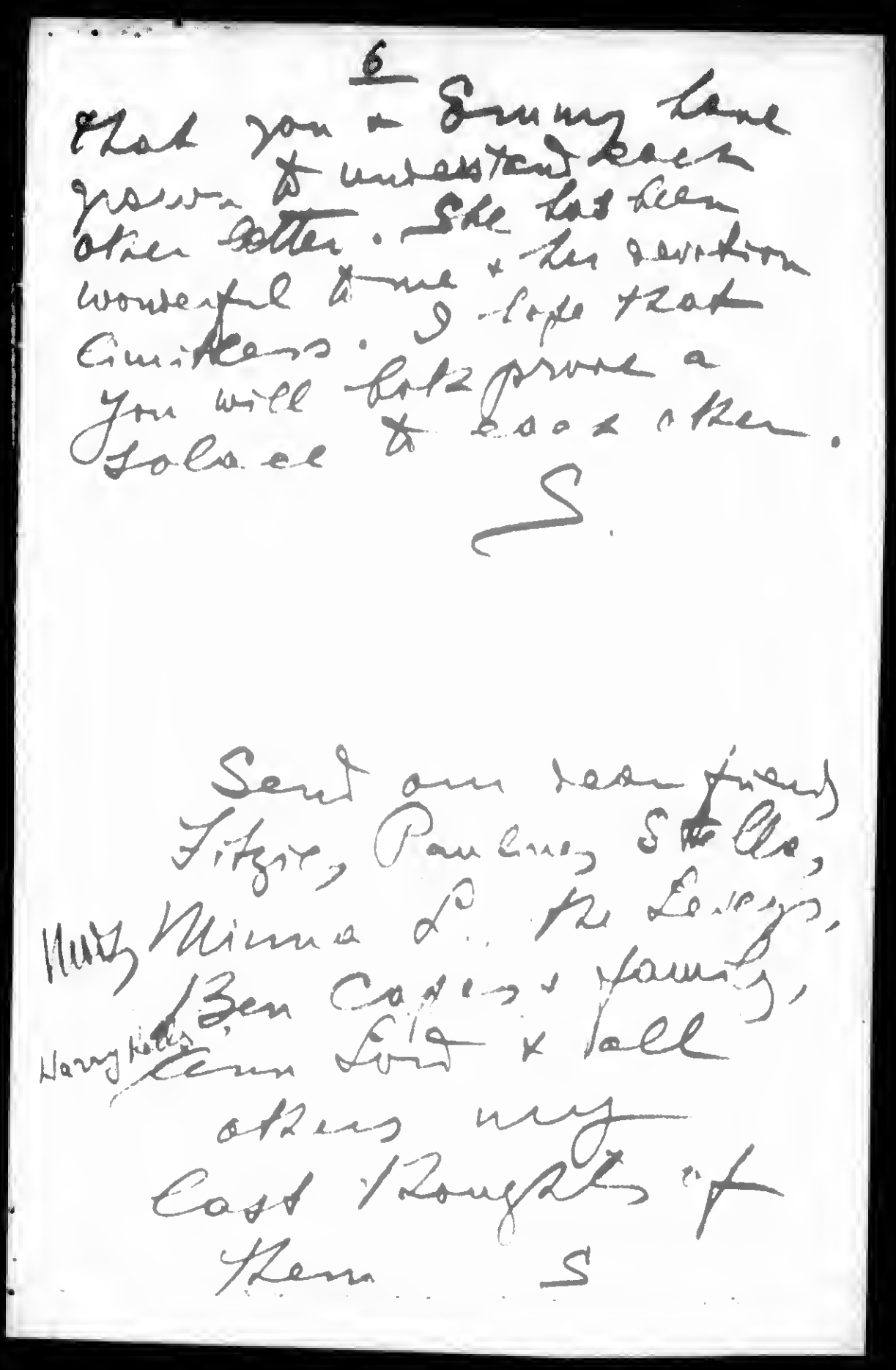
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Glad you + Sunny have
gone + understand each
other better. She has been
wonderful to me + her devotion
touches me. I hope that
you will both prove a
source + comfort to each other.

S.

Sent our dear friends
Fitzgerald, Parsons, Stella,
Nelly, Minna D. the Lewins,
Ben Capes + family,
Harry Kelly Ann Lord + Lola
all their very
best + Love from
them S

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Tell our comrades
I send them all
my fraternal greetings.
May they keep up
energetically the
work for a brighter
& better joy and
a future of
liberty, justice
and human
cooperation.

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Scarboro Bluffs
Ontario
Canada.

March 23rd. 1936

Emma Dearest;

We were all quite upset when we heard from Dein and Tom of Comrade Berkman's ilness. He sent them a card from the hospital. How fortunate that you were able to go to him at once. You see dear you are needed there very much, perhaps more than any of you realise. The group were quite anxious after hearing of your letter to Joe on Sunday . The Italians are working with us much better now. Arthur is coming regularly to our meetings also some of the younger, more Canadian ones. Our last affair was not very successful from a monetary point of view, but it drew us closer together. We are putting on a dance on April 17th . The younger ones are working very enthusiastically for it and I do hope it will bring us some funds for the political prisoners.

We are planning a pamphlet for May 1st. Everybody is to bring in something written to the next meeting . I think that between us we should be able to get out something worth while . I hope so, especially as this will be the 50th anniversary of the first eight hour demonstration.

Rudolph Rocker will be in Toronto On April 18th. He is staying for ten days I believe. We are not sure yet whether he will lecture in English or not. Joe wrote to him and we should have an answer this week.

Your group, dear is carrying on. We are not very effective yet, we have no speakers or vey efficient writers, but we may have some day. I feel very much encouraged just now that the younger men are with us. We have not attracted any young girls yet. The young men will more than likely do that. If they come in in that way, will thaey make good anarchists. Ben would say not. And yet I know that he uses sex appeal in his work.

Dein and Tom are having troubles of their own just now. Dein's sister had to come from the north to Toronto for a minor operation. She is staying here with Dein, bringing her little girl with her. After her release from the hospital she took a severe cold which went through the house almost resulting in pneumonia for Dein. However Dein and her Sister are well on the road to recovery now , but little Yvonne has Scarlet fever. All this in a house into which they had to move in hurry and which is very badly in need of clean wall-papers. So poor Tom is not enjoying life to the full at present.

My husband has been away for two weeks and my nerves are very nearly normal now. He may be back any time now. But the winter weather is breaking up now, and things are much easier to bear when one can get outside. We have had a most diabolical winter. I am very glad that you did not have to put up with it. Extreme cold and Two awful blizzards this month which have tied up traffic and made gettin about almost impossible. We are still wallowing through huge mounds of snow. I intend to get the EG. Fund committee together either this week or next XXX

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You will of course have had my letters now about the Prison Memoirs. We shall try to sell them as quickly as possible ~~XXXX~~ after they arrive.

I hope dear that you find Comrade Berkman better than you expected. We are anxiously waiting news about both of you.

lovingly,

Dorothy

Dein's New address is

291 Vaughan Road
Toronto.

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London March 24th 36.

Dearest Dorothy.

I have your letter of Feb.29th. I have already arranged with Daniel to send the balance of 45 copies of the Memoirs to Toronto. They will go by mail to as follows,yourself Mrs Barrett, The Seltzers,Dessers and Langbords. The books will be shipped one copy at a time,nine copies to each person in intermission of two or three days. Each copy will contain an invoice anyhow. But in sending them this way you are most likely going to escape duty. I hope so anyhow. In any event it will save you an awful lot of trouble getting the 45 copies released at the Customs and ~~skipx~~ cartage which you would have had had I sent the books by freight. True I would have saved 5/.But you would have had to pay so much more at the other hand not to menti mention the bother. The freight Co wanted £2 for the forty five copies. Hundred would have cost no more. The postage and wrapping the fifty copies cost ~~£2.10~~x £ 3.10. You had better get in touch wi the comrades who will be receiving the books.I have not the time to write them. Besides I am thoroughly disgusted with them. Not one of them except Mrs Barrett and Milly Desser write. They all have more time than I .So why should I bother with them? You'll write me dearest won't when the books begin to arrive.

I am afraid I have to ask you to see that the group send me the amount for postage. I am absolutely on the rocks my 18 weeks drudgery having not even brought me enough for my living expences. I could not ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ even pay my fare back to France if a friend of mine had not sent me a gift towards my expences. I hate to ask for postage for Sashas book.But it cannot be helped. While I am on the subject of money I want to say that I am not clear what you mean when you say the $25 I received for the fifty copies of the Memoirs where not from the E.C. fund. In your letter under date of Jan 17th you wrote "I have $82 94 for your fund. Out of that $25 were sent you and $47 paid for your machine".Do you mean that you sent me $25 twice? Becaus if you did it failed to reach me. Since I left Canada last May I received only $25.Naturally I thought these were for sashas book And that it came out of my fund. Now you write in yours of Feb 29 that this had not been the case. That the $25 for Sashas book was partly a loan ~~xxxxxxx~~ from the Seltzers and partly from some one else. What then has become of the other $ 25? I certainly hope they did not get lost. Let me know by return mail,please.

I had promised mysolf to write you a long lotter.But it is impossible. I am leaving for South Wales tomorrow to be gone until Monday.And I still have ever so many things to do, among them to rush out a few more letters to America. Perhaps during the summer, I may be able to take up again our newsy correspondence. Its been hell to have to do so many lotters while preparing and delivering lectures. I am frightfull yhind some letters I have received mon ha ago are unanswerod. So you

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London March 24th 36.

Dearest Sash. Yesterday mroning I got your letter of the 21st. I had to rush away to meet some people and attend to other ~~xxx~~t matters. And also I wanted to think over the idea of Anarchists participating in elections. On my return last night I found ~~xx~~ your wire. Then this morning came yours of the 22nd and a post card. I will now try to answer the whole lot. First of all though I feel so relived that your condition is not so grave that I a day or two more would ~~xxxxxxxx~~ injure it. I confess I am really tired as a dog. And I have so much to do here what with packing stuff I am leaving with the Suttons, and what with stacks of stuff that has to be gone through and thrown out. An extra day will mean a lot to me. But of course it was you I worried abou not my own rest or convinience. So now I feel I need not rush out the third. I will difinitely leave Saturday the 4th. And from Paris Monday the sixth. I think the train arrives in Nice at 2,20 P.M. Teusday the 6th.

I have given up the idea of going by boat. The only one that goes from London is a Japanese liner. The second class is all booked up. They have an arrangement whereby puying ten sh shillings more one can get a birth in the first class taking ones food in the second class. The trouble is they could not gunrantee me a lower birth. And having to do a lot of which you dear heart do so. little I cannot take an upper to cl imbe down ever so many times a night. Then too , there would have been the bother and expence from Marseille to Nice and excess baggage. So I am booking through to Nice. I can remain two days or even longer in Paris in the way of a stop off and can check my baggage through from here to Nice. I think 150 are permitted as baggage in England Anyhow, it sure that I will leave April 4th.

There is a whole mix up about the renewal of my passprot. I did not know that a passprot expries after ten years and a new one must be applied for. ~~xxx~~ The new application must be signed by a physician or banker. I had no bank account here and I knew but one or two doctors. I have just phoned Sutton about the matter. He is to phone me back about my going with him to either a justice of the peace, or doctor. I would mind if I were not so rushed to day. And if I did not have to leave for S.W. tomorrow. But its alright I will manage it somehow. There is no hitch at all about getting a new passport. The Questionaire is very simple. Its only the time. In any event I am glad I thought of having my passport renewed while I will be in S.W. Else I might not be able to get away on Saturday.

No, I did not get anything from the Spanish comrades. I dare say they did not know my address. It does not matter. I agree with you in yoyr replies to the three questions. So if you wish you can signed my name to the reply you will send them. Or if they care to have my opinion let them send me the questionaire to your address. I will reply when I come.

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Dearie,while I fully agree with you that it is stupid to maintain that conditions and situations must get worse thxx before it gets better I cannot agree with the suggestions that Anarchist should in grave times cooperate with the Communists in elections. You probably remember the controversy between Malatesta and Merlino. Of course Fascism wasn't known then.But black reaction was. And it was Merlino who argued that Anarchists by joining the Socialists during elections they would help to defeat the reactionary gang. I don't know whether you remember Malatestas reply.It was to the effect that the Anarchists would a as they had always been merely get the chestnuts out of the fire for the Socialists and liberals. And they would injure their idea beyond repairs.

Now, I do not mean to suggest that you and I must follow Malatestas ideas in the matter.But it happens that I myself con sider it not only inconsistant with our views on vesting power to politicians by means of voting fro them. I also consider it highly dangerous. We insist,do we not dear that the means must harmonize as far as possible with the end. And our end being Anarchism I do not see how we can very well xxxxxxxx united with any political party. Especially with the Communists knowing as we do that their dictatorship is by no means different than that of the Fascisits. xxxxx Ir Spain there was also Cabalero who had not only fought the CNT,but had actually helped to send many of xxx our comrades to prison about two years ago. For the life o of me I cannot see what our comrades who did join the united fron could expect either from Cabalero or the Communists.

Besides, if the letter I recieved from Cultura Prolet aripa and the article in the last issue of VANGUARD are to be relied upon then only the Pestania group joined the unted front and participated in the elections. The C.N.T did not. I cannot sxxx believe that our comrades of the Cutura Proletaria would be misinformed. I understand what the C.N.T did was to organize a number of general strikes in different parts of the elections. And that it was really that more than the vote that swung the support of the workers to the Left.

Strangely enough tthe questions the comrades in Spain are asking are the same I argued b letter with Joe Goldman He too insisted that we should join the communists in their fight against war and Fascism.Forgetting that the Communists are only against war of Capitalist countries while approving xxx Russias race for aramaments. I have said then and I must say now that with our past experience with Socialists and Communists its seems folly to join them.But more important is my firm belief that we would be spitting ourselves in the face if we approved particiaption in elections. Fighting ALL POWER AND ALL GOVERNMENT AS WE DO how can we help putting anyone into positions of power?

Yes,I know my dear that under Fascism of Communism

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the revolutionary movement has been destroyed. Is it not more reason not to help Communists to power knowing as we do that they will act as the reactionaries against us. True, this time it was not so much the danger of helping Communists or rotters like Caballero to power . It was to gain amnesty for the thirty thousan politicals. That is certainly a very strong reason.But if it is true that the C N T' has inaugerated strikes and has thereby decided the issue more than the vote,then is it not more logical, more consistant to uss strikes as a weapong against reaction and Fascism? I do not want to seem a biggot,or blindly fanatcial I feal too deeply with the victims of Fascism and Dictatorship in any form to sop even at the vote. But it seems to me countrary to our philosophy and our tactics and in its ultimate effect such a denial of our principles as participation in elections highly dangereus besides being futile,really . I am sure that you do not think Azano is going to act the Liberal for very long. After awhile he will either go out of office,or he will do as all politicians in power have compromise with the reaction ary gang. No,my dearest Sash WE SIMPLY CANOT AND SHOULD NOT MAKE THE PLUNGE. ICANNOT ANYHOW. And I am sure if you will reflect carefully,you will also not go in for any justification of joining the so called L_beral gang which is also nothing but reactionary under disguise.

Of course, I do not mean we should censure our comrades in Spain. Every country imposes different methods in certain emergencies. We can only state our own position xxx towards the foundamentals of Anarchism. And that has always been opposition to the slick political machine that has ever corrupted the best of people,or has paralysed their effort to serve the masses. At least that is my stand.

I am leaving for South Wales only tomorrow.It is but a three hours trip from here and there was no need to burden my poverty stricken hosts who are miners. I am leaving Liza my address in Wapes,and also in Bristol xxxxx where I will be next Saturday and Sunday. Monday the 30th I will be back here.

Yes, that was very thougthful of the Downings so send you $100. Frankly I never thought him big enough in money matters to do so. I still remember his responce when I told him about Mollie's illness some years ago." I will give you ten francs" he said. Of course,your case is different. He and his wife are very fond of you. In any event it was fine. And I am very glad. Illness is a bottomless tank as far as money is concerned. And you and E. still have a huge expence before you. By the way, the Dowlings are not the only ones to have shown a fine spirit.Imagine,yesterday I got a note from Bishum Holmes with a postal order for 20/ a pound for you. Believ me if hxxxxxxxx his pound is almost as much as the hundred you got from the Ds. I mean in the spirit. The man had a frightful winter,unemployment and a long siege of the flu. Yet he sends you a gift. I think that splendid. I will see him at my last

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lecture. I will thank him for you.And when you get well you can write him a note.

No wire from our good comrade Braund about the sweeps to day. So that means we remain as poor as ever. Its a shame. I was already planning to give the Koldofskys a trip to the South of France. The poor dears both need a rest and sun shine. Well, they know mein Herz is gewesn gut.Instead of a trip I bought Liza a lovely black afternoon dress that she and Simion are wild about. Aside of the fact that Liza fed me and looked after me for 18 weeks I love her for her fine spirit. And I love Simion. He is no giant in consistancy of ideas.But he is very fine as a human being. Very kind and most considerate. I did my shopping yesterday,_some nighties for Emmy, shirts for you, stuff for a dress for M e Sandström, a woolen scarf for him and a purse for Mollie. I could do it with a clear conscience. It was from the gift Paul gave me. Even if I had wanted to spend money from what I got for my lectures, I could not have done so because I did not get enough for living expences.Let alone any thing above. Byt I feel rich with Pauls gift so could share with a few of my dear ones.

I wrote Fitiz when I wrote her to her birth day about your operation, our second operation and E's condit ion. I am not sure she already had my letter when she wrote you Probably not. Or she would have mentioned it. Yes, she has remained very beautiful. She works frightfully hard and gets a starvation wage.

Dearest mine, I must stop. I must get out a few letters to A. I am having Daniel ship the last forty five copies of your Memoirs to Toronto. Itd awful the amount of postage the shipments have required. And the hundred to Chicago by freight cost nearly three pounds. By he way dear you are actuall entitled to £ 7,12 royalties from the sales Daniel has made of your book. For the present I will have to use that money to reimburse Daniel for the express and postage of the copi copies sent to Chicago, Los Angeles,New York and Toronto. I hope the sales ixx of them will bring you some returns.

What a horrible situation in America. I was think ing of Jake Margolis and Grace Wellingt n in re the floods. I supoose tyey too must have suffered.

Dearest I must close.

Love to Emmy and yourself.

Dearie. I had to
to stop working so much
and write to send some
one to sign my application

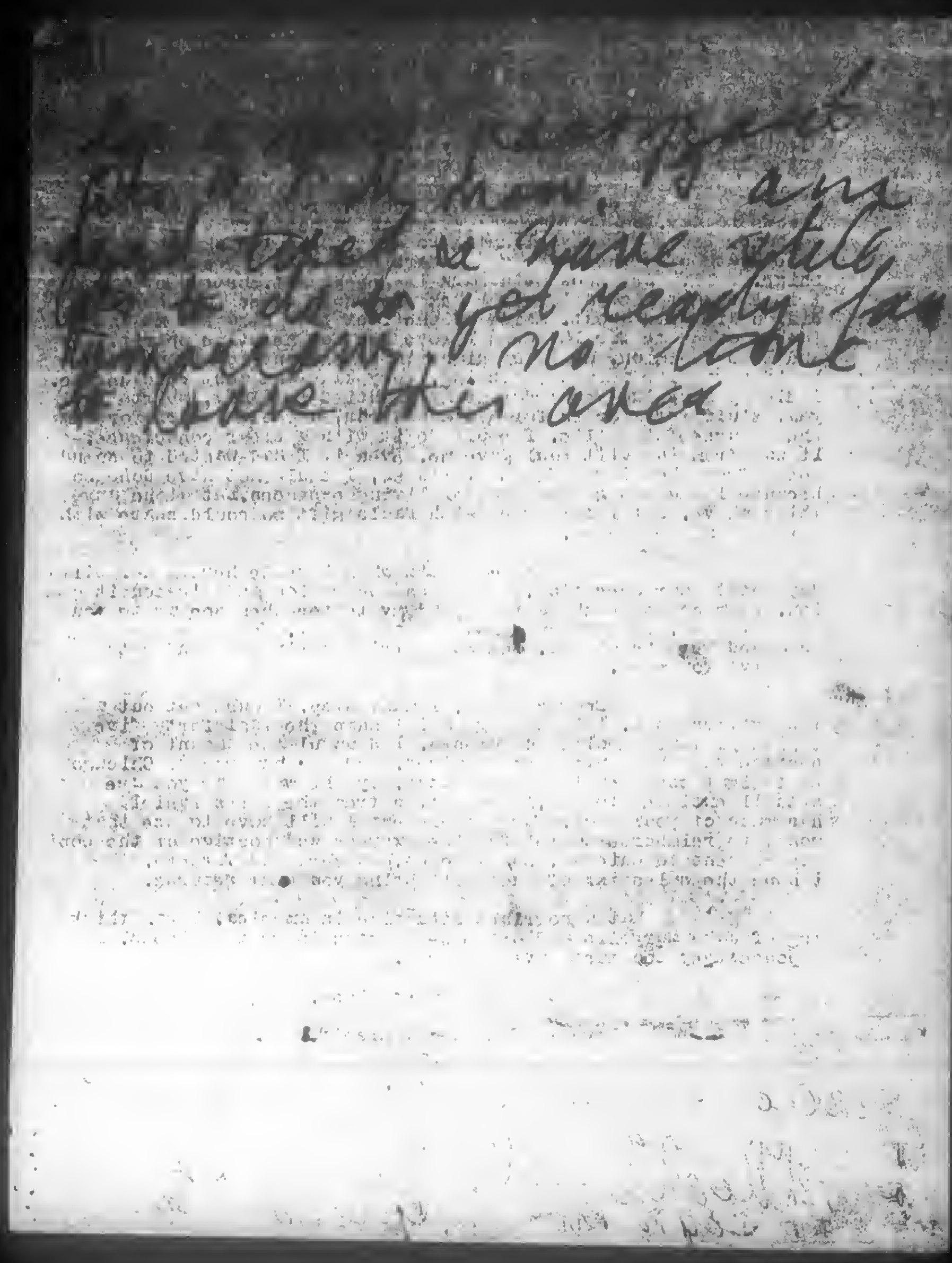
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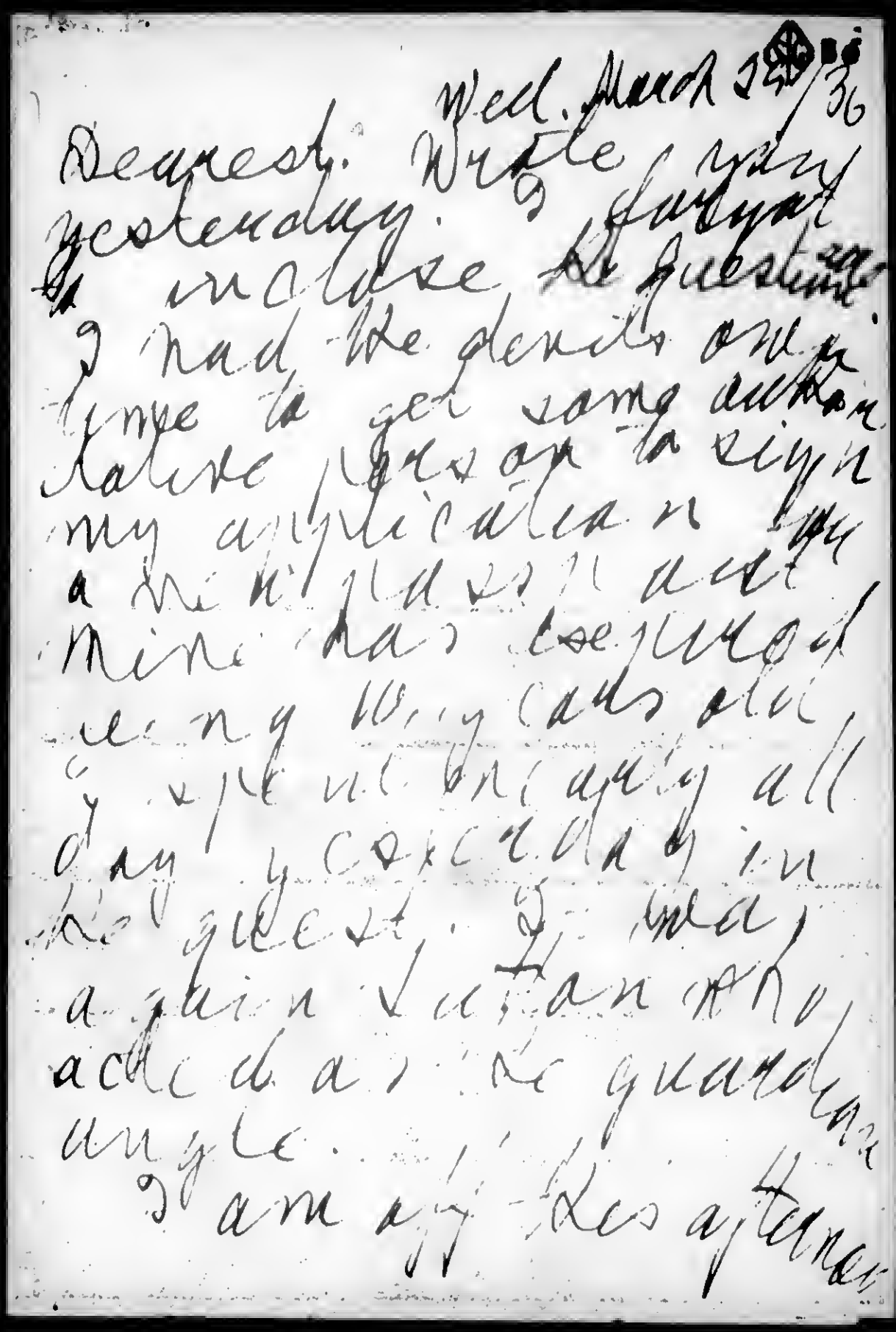
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Dearest. While yesterday I was alone I thought I had the plenitude of love to get some answer. Since then I am in a different mood. Mine has been one long struggle, exhausting all my concentration in the quest. I was again certain that accident is the guardian angel. I am [illegible]

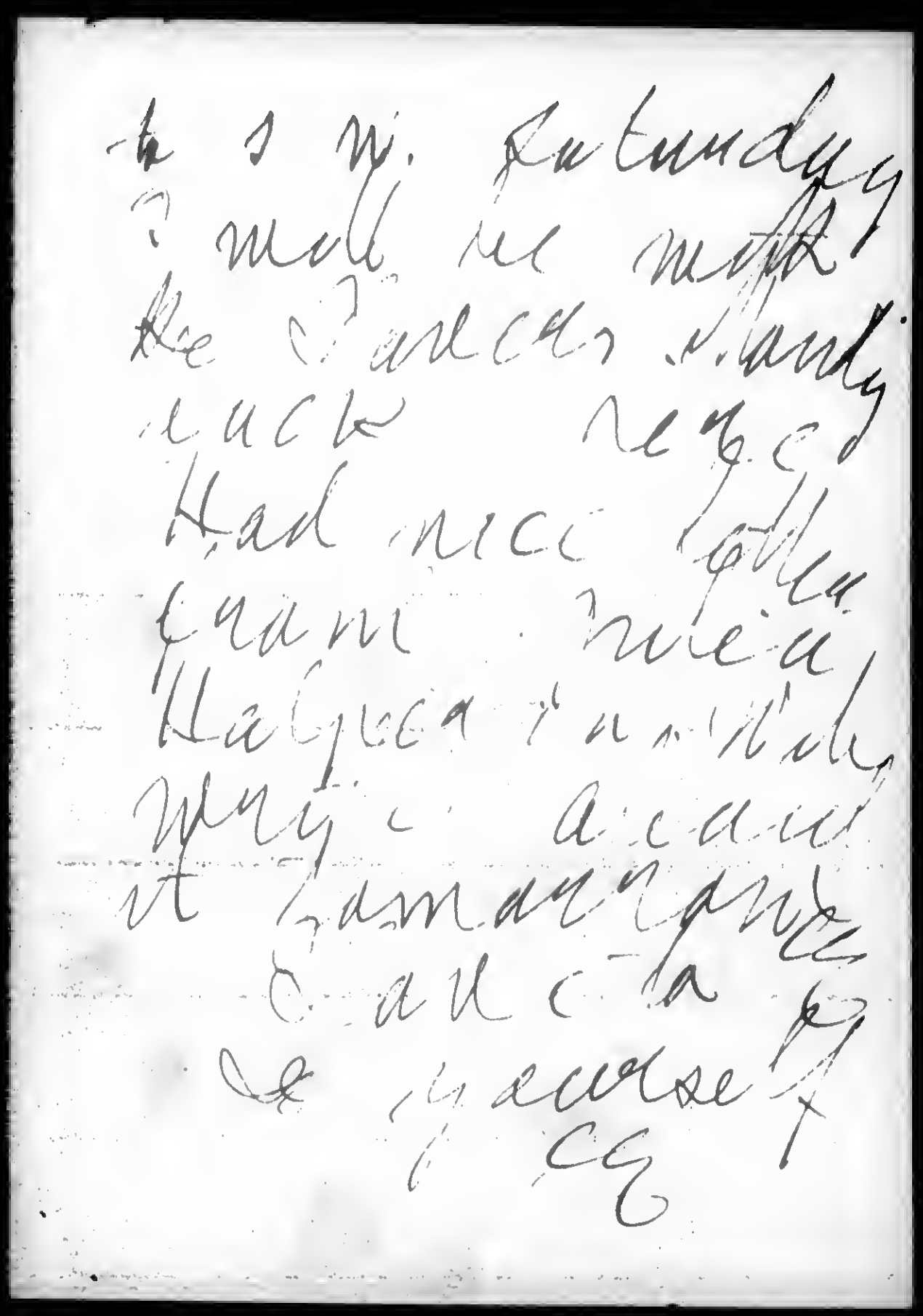
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March 25, 1936

Dearest Emma;

I have no time to answer your good letter as I'm in the throes of trying to get a new play on – money, etc etc.

Last Saturday Philip Kapp and A. Grosner of the ~~Dubin~~ International Ladies Garment Workers Joint Board called together a conference to take up a plan to raise $5000. for Sasha – it was a very good meeting and I think something tangible will come of it. Now, the point of this letter – Mr. Kapp said he would like to see through another edition of "Prison Memoirs" – now, is it possible to get the plates shipped back to America? Daniels has them, I presume. What can you do about it before you leave London? It is quite important as Mr. Kapp said he would see that another edition is brought out. I understand the last of the English edition brought out in London has been bought by some one over here.

Take the matter up with Daniels – the plates belong to you – Mother Earth – and I had them shipped to him for the edition he brought out – they must all be in good shape there. Advise me what can be done to get them over here as the Labor unions will undertake to have another edition brought out.

Hastily but with much love.

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P.S. I had written Sasha a few days before your letter arrived – but didn't know, of course that he was in the hospital – poor Sasha – but I got a letter from him that must have crossed mine, written me for my birthday. Birthdays! One wants to forget them when my age comes along.

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RATES OFFICE.

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ST GEORGE'S, E.1

26/3/26.

My dear Emma,

I was deeply moved by the note you handed me just before your departure for S. Wales. To attempt to reply to your's deserve would prove as hopeless as an actor's attempt to learn new lines when he is on the stage in the throes of a tense situation. In other words: I am so occupied loosing you that I just can't spare the time to stop and make love to you. I am not an artist, Emma dear, and I am not capable of precision strokes. I stride along with a purpose, and, it often happens, when I pass my destination. I quickly retrace my steps.

Please Emma do believe me that I do sincerely want to please you in every way, and nothing is further from my intentions to cause you any pain or even discomposure. To cause anyone pain is foreign to my intentions although I sometime, unwittingly, do. But you are Big, and big hearted, and I know you will forgive me my imperfections

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You see Emma, even when I am speaking to you my mind is in a whirl ... (don't get alarmed) ... I am working out schemes, ways & means, of making your return to England an assured fact. I know it would be futile to bank all hopes on Conway Hall, and I must therefore ignore it as a salient factor. I mention this at this juncture so that whatever happens on the 31st you will still give me one of those beautiful smiles of yours that I so dearly love.

My colleagues are all out and as it is Thursday I am a fixture here for the day. The piercing ring of the telephone bell has been going all the time, I can hardly write a line without interruption. I must answer the call but I answer reluctantly I know you are not at the other end.

So Emma darling make — no, I should say HELP — those good friends of yours to love each other and you'll be the best girl ever. Love revised can be more beautiful than new love. I am proud to be yours devotedly Shloime

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My dear Emma,

I am very partial to straight lines - there's beauty in its firmness, it has a very direct purpose, it gets there! I always admire the old Roman roads in England: they are straight. Anything that I have ever made or designed has on straight lines. Yes, I admire curves & reflections, but even circles consist of a series of straight lines. Give me "straight" people and I am prepared to let others have the "crooked ones."

I hope you wont put me across your knee and fine me a spanking because I am contradicting you. You'll be kind to a poor misguided simp that I am.

Auntie phoned me last night and gave me the good tidings that Dr. Churchill is prepared to entertain your friends after the lecture. I understand she has writing you to this effect.

You can count on me being on the station on Sunday or Monday according to your plan of arrival.

I like to board moving trains and swing off a moving vehicle, it keeps me fit and alert — and jobless. What a good thing, I did not follow your example by having another drink, I might have travelled with you in the direct instead of the office. Of course it would have been grand fun . . . but who then would support you?

With the hope that I might one day get home then I will trade you with Lord Thomson under I see you.

Yours
"Elaine"

P.T.O.

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On Saturday night when you will be engaged entertaining
our misunderstandings between two people I will be
doing likewise to my friends here. I wish you every
success and I trust you wholly reciprocate with
your blessings to my success too.

A.H.

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Dear Emma.

You are right I am a ratten correspondent, but its realy circumstances and not I who is to blame for some of the rotteness. I am workin; very hard and very long hours, and I have an hours trip by Subway, before I get home, so that when I arive I am realy no good for anithing, or anibody, ofcourse I have Saturday and Sunday, but I realy dont have to toll you what it all miens, especially when you know how to sow, and then there are all the reletives and friends, and I realy love them all, but the result is that I have no time to do anything for my self.

To begin with I waited with my answer until Kendel Bluestien got the books, but then I could not see B. until last Saturday, he told me that he sold a few so far, and did not take less than $2. each so that there will be a little profitfor Sashn, from those books, As a matter of fact at a small conference we had last Saturday, the posibi — lity of a 5ooo edition of Sashns Memoars was discussed and Fitzy told us that the plates are in London, Do you think we could obtain them ?

I mentioned the conference, and I know that Harry K. wrote to thou; he was not there, I must admit that I was terribly dissapointed, ofcoarse I can anderstand thayr posittion, but I hoped that they would do something to selebrate the 1ßnt of May, but they are absolutely opposed at the present to have any kind of a fublic afair.

There is one thing however that I am quite sure about and that is, that they will comtinue sending Sasha the hundred dollor cheks about as often as they did here to fore. ofcourse it is better than nothing

And now about you, how are you, and how long more do you expect to stay in London, or perhapsyou have already left, I realy havent heard from you or Sasha so long, that I realy dont know what to say.

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I had one card from the Hospital, from S. and he told me that Emmy to is sick, accordin; to M. COHn and other friends Sasha is better, he wrote me that he would need a second aperation, and of coarse I am very eag - er to hear how he feels, but S. has always been generous to me, so I am sure he will write to me as soon as he can, and I hope that you too will keep up your good Christian spirit of forgiveness and write to me much sooner, then I did.

Hopin; that your activities were more successful then you antisipated.

I am with love as ever yours. Minna

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ALFRED A. KNOPF, *Inc.*
730 FIFTH AVENUE
New York

March 27th, 1936

Miss Emma Goldman
E.G. Colton
c/o A.Berkman
101, Blvd. de Cessole
Nice, France

Dear Miss Goldman,

We are returning herewith your check in the amount of $4.00 with the following notation from our bank: "Check is made payable to maker. Payee's name appears on line where amount should be. If day of month is written (tenth) the tex will be less."

As the bank would not honor this check, we would appreciate if you will let us have a new one or a money order drawn on a New York bank or New York post office for this amount.

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Yours faithfully,
for ALFRED A.KNOPF, Inc.
R. Meyer
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Bristol March 28/36

Emmy, my dearest, sufferery child of mine! I just received here and found your letter. I read, re reading all this time that Sasha's condition cannot wait so long. I've escaped operation. I've now been in your arms, there is nothing that can keep me away. But knowing you will you are, you must feel doubly terrible, that you had to

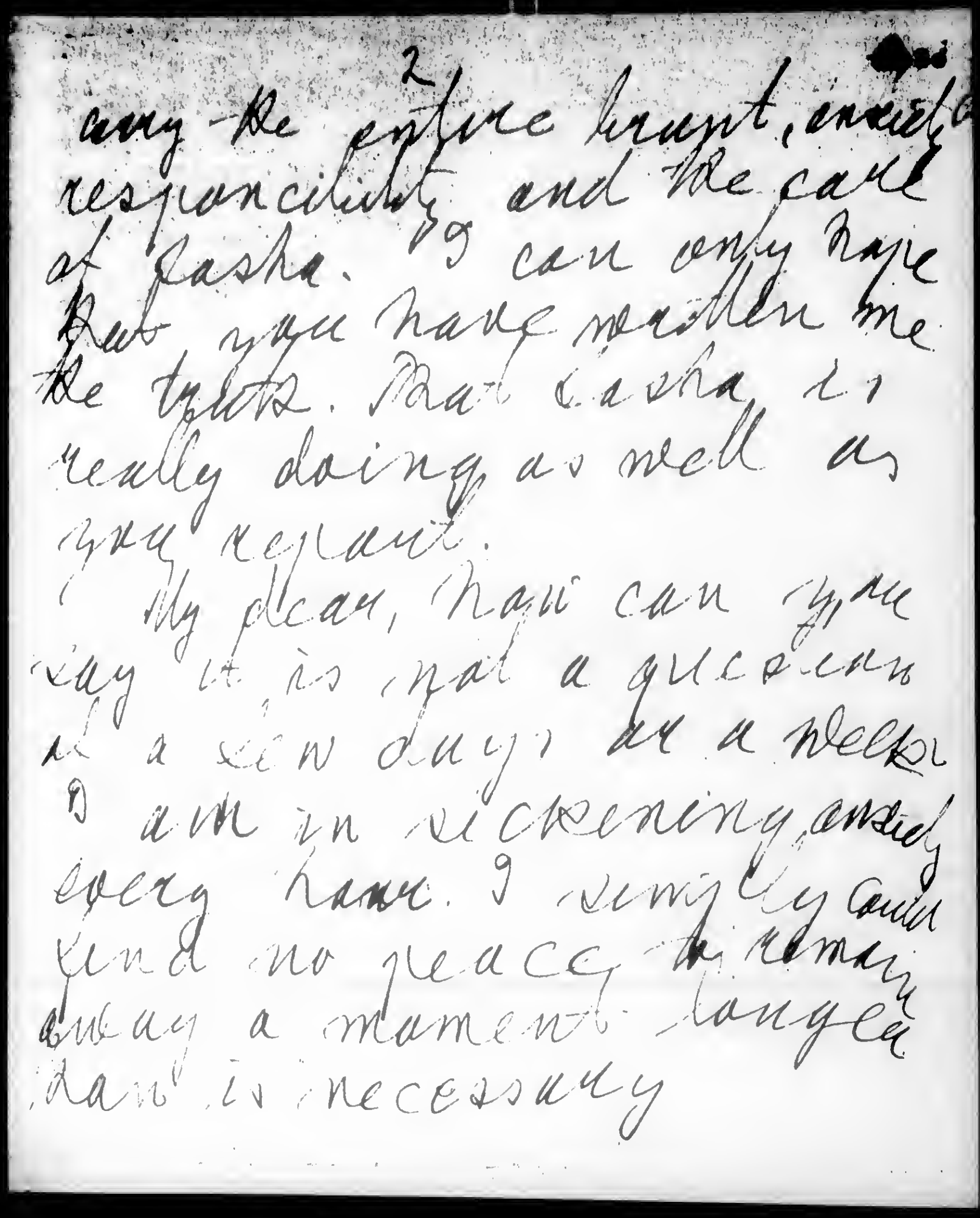
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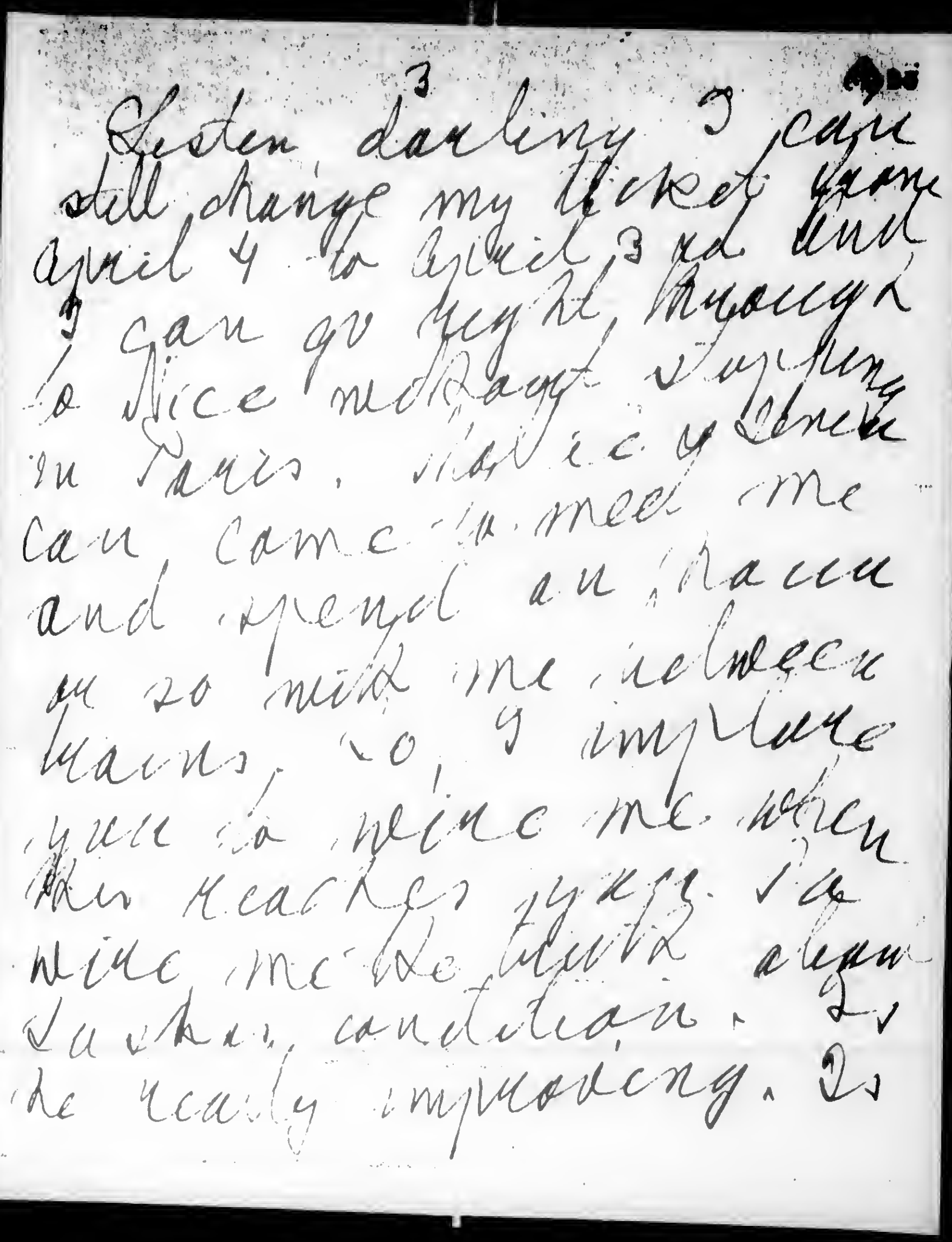
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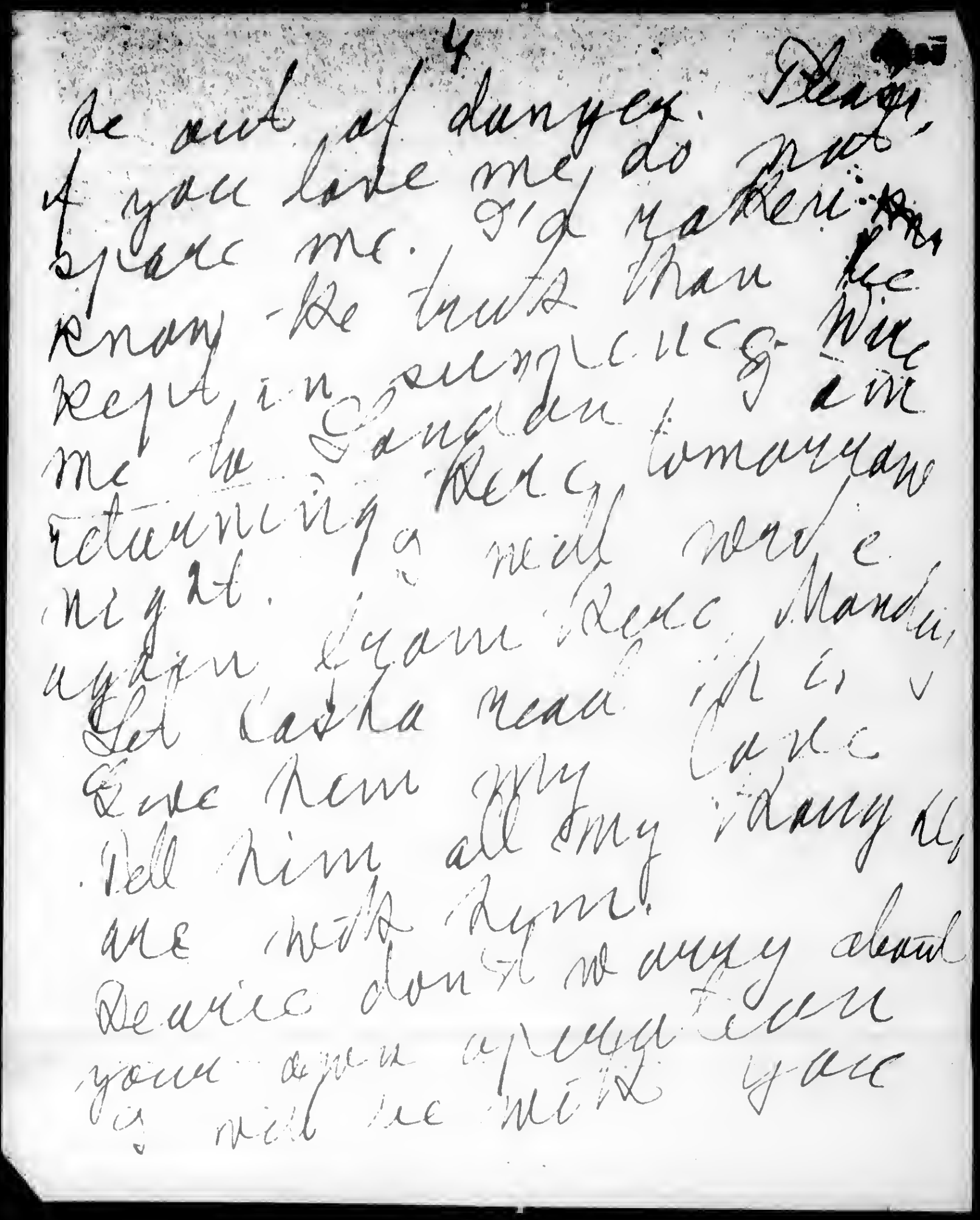
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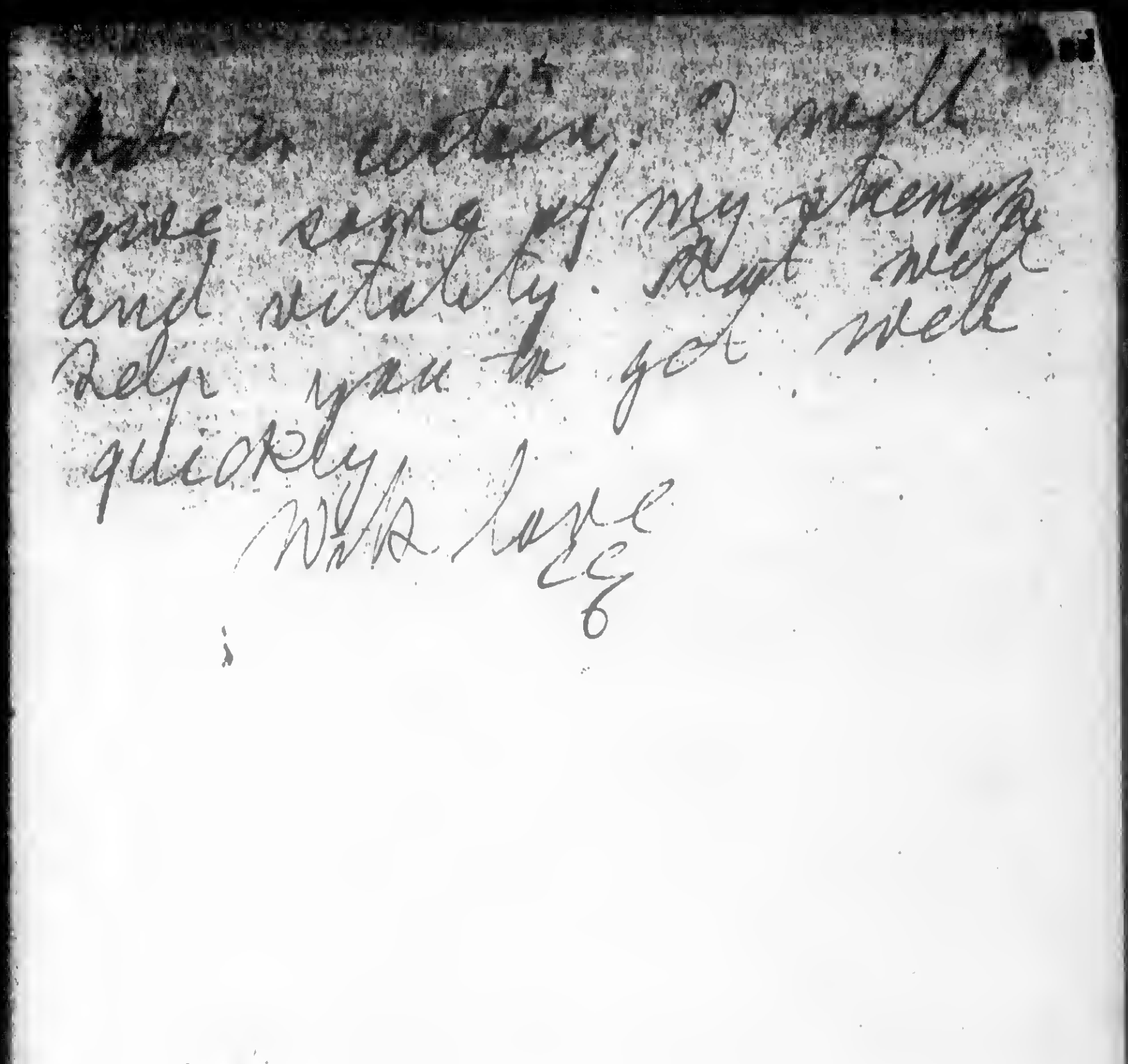
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Saturday.

Dash my dear, I received your card of the 26th to day. I have just written K. and I am sending it direct to her ward. I really have nothing to add to her letter. Besides I am frightfully tired from last night. Had to content with a savage mob of C.s and came home at 12,30 exhausted to death. I will write you Monday as I shall be busy tomorrow. I am so glad March is here. It will be my last month in England. And what months. I am quite certain only I could have gone through them. And that only because I am blessed with an iron constitution. I will write about it all when you are back home, or still b better when I see you again. I can hardly wait for that moment. It will be such relief to be near you and take care of you and K. The poor child has undertaken too much in her depleted condition running to and from the hospital, worrying about you and looking after her menage. Enough to tire stronger women. Well, perhaps eh will get the necessary rest in the hospital. I hope with all my heart that no operation will be necessary. Or if it is that you will prevail upon her to try Paris first. I will be there not later than the 4th of April. I would wait for a. if the two of you will act on my suggesti If not I will go right on to Nice. Please keep me informed.

My cough is easier. It will be ..lright when the warm weather begins. There is no other help for it.

Devoted love.

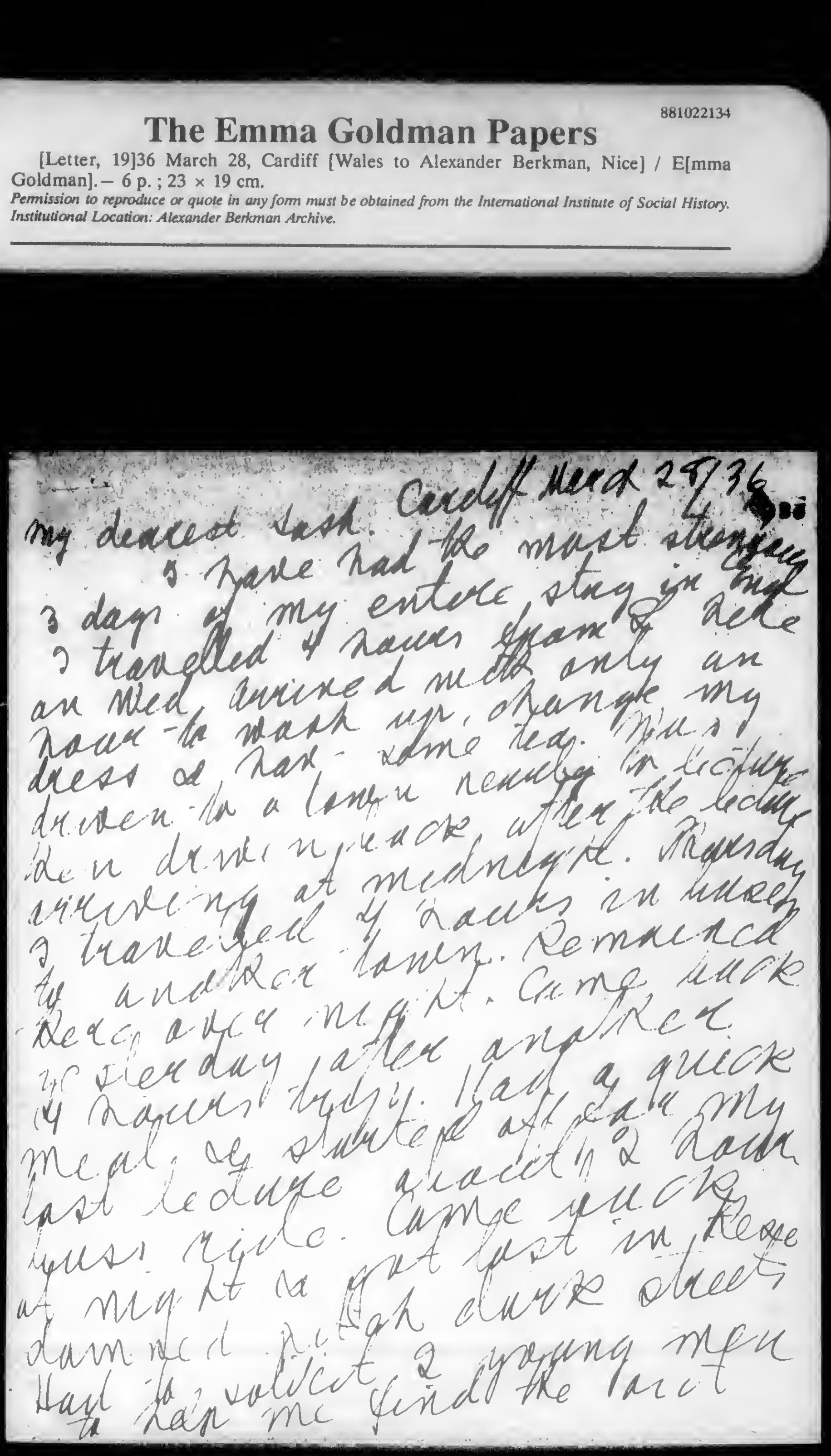
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my dearest Sasha. Cardiff March 28/36.

I have had the most strenuous 3 days of my entire stay in England. I travelled 4 hours from Bristol to Cardiff, arrived in the early afternoon – had to wash up, change my dress & run – for I had a lecture to deliver at 4 hours' notice. Was driven to the hall in a large motor car, after the lecture driven directly at midnight. Reached my address at 1 a.m. Was up again at 7 yesterday morning & left at 8 for 4 hours' lecture. Had a quick meal, & started off at 2 p.m. for my last lecture which ended at 10 p.m. Was up again at 7 this morning & left at 9 for Cardiff. Was met at the station by a number of young men who had advertised the lecture & had to rush to their office where I was interviewed by a number of reporters. Then I was taken to the hall where I had to lecture to a crowded house. Was driven to the home of the secretary of the local group where I had supper & was then driven to the station to catch the train. Had to change at Newport & Bristol. Was met at the station by a number of young men who had to rush me to find the train

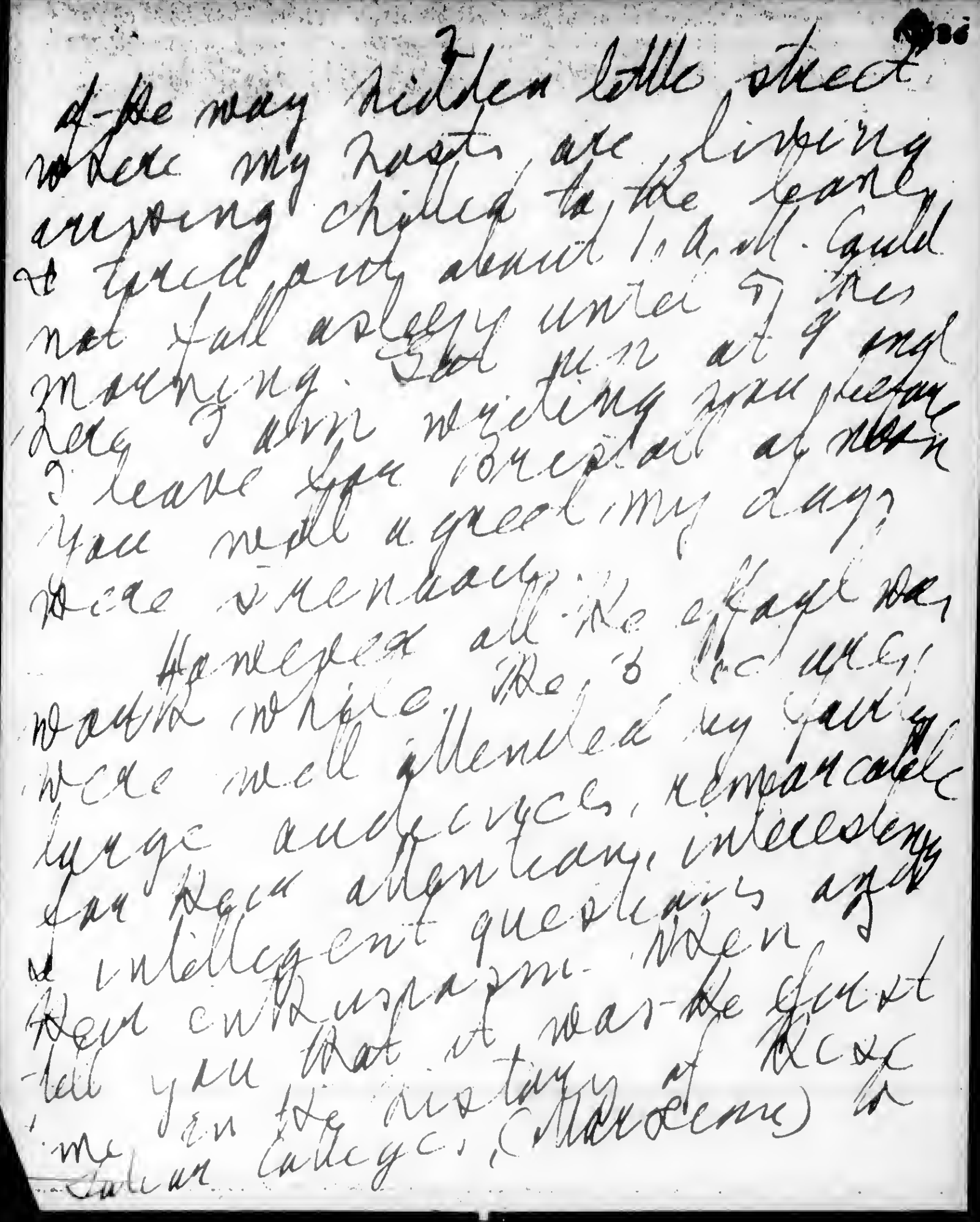
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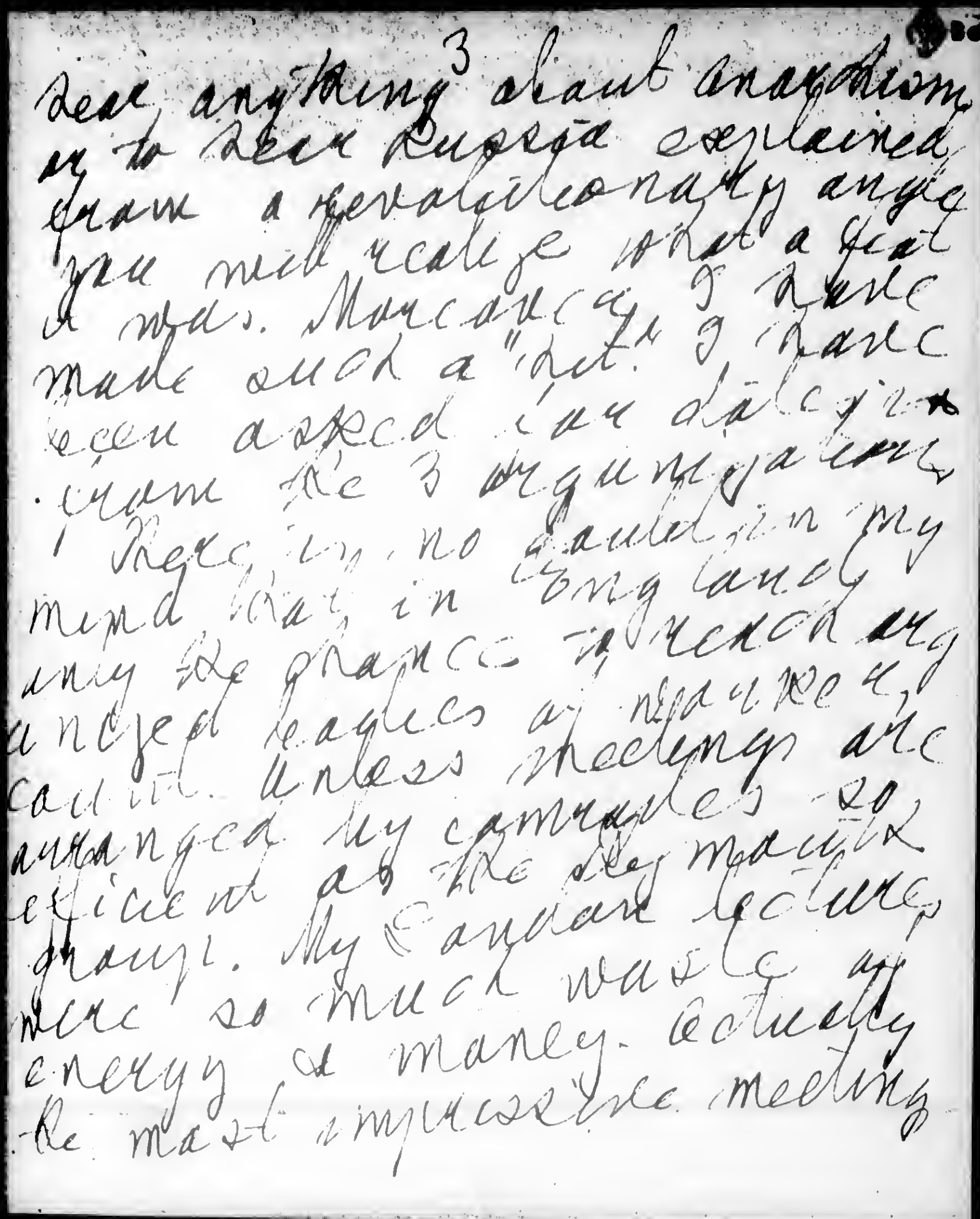
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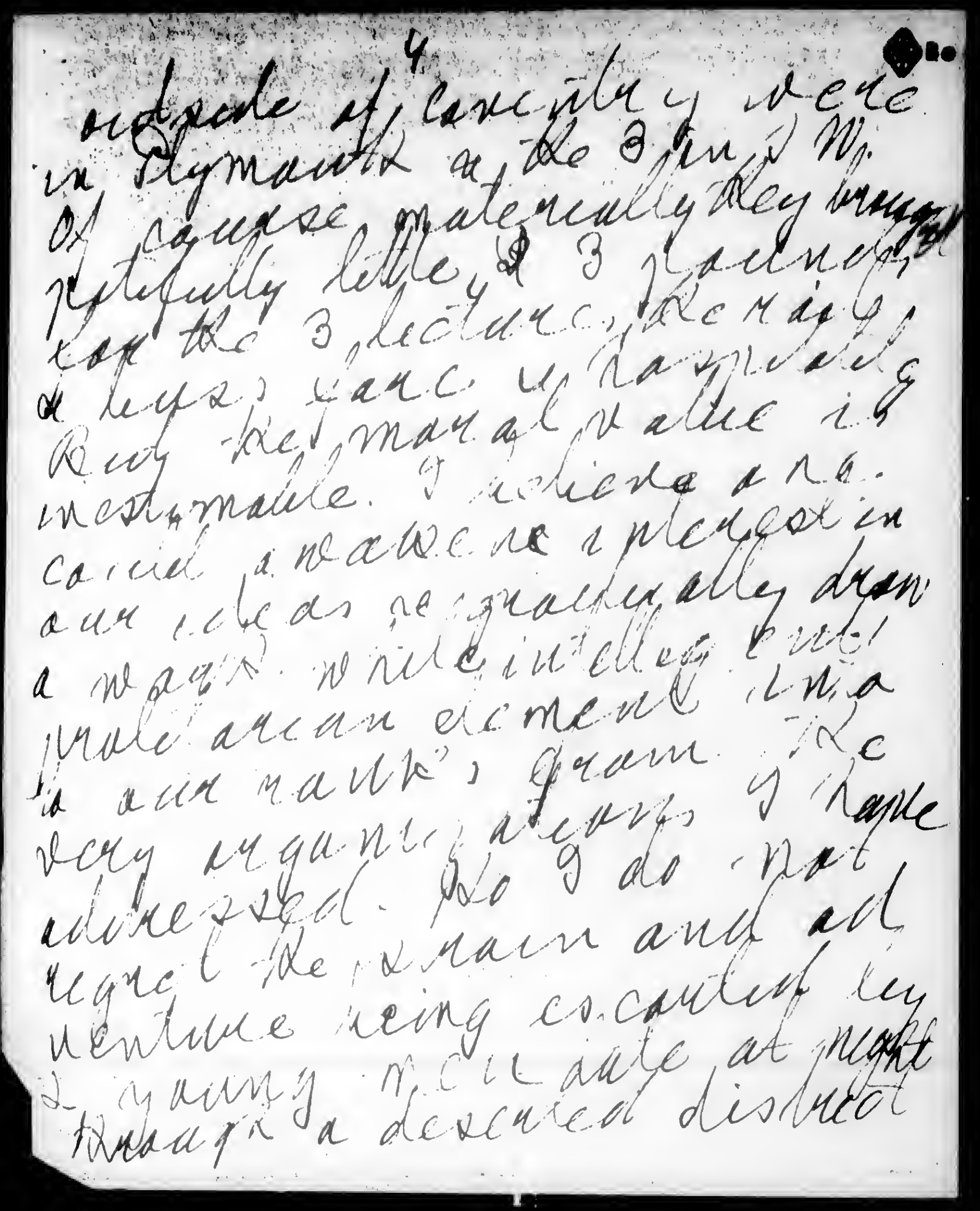
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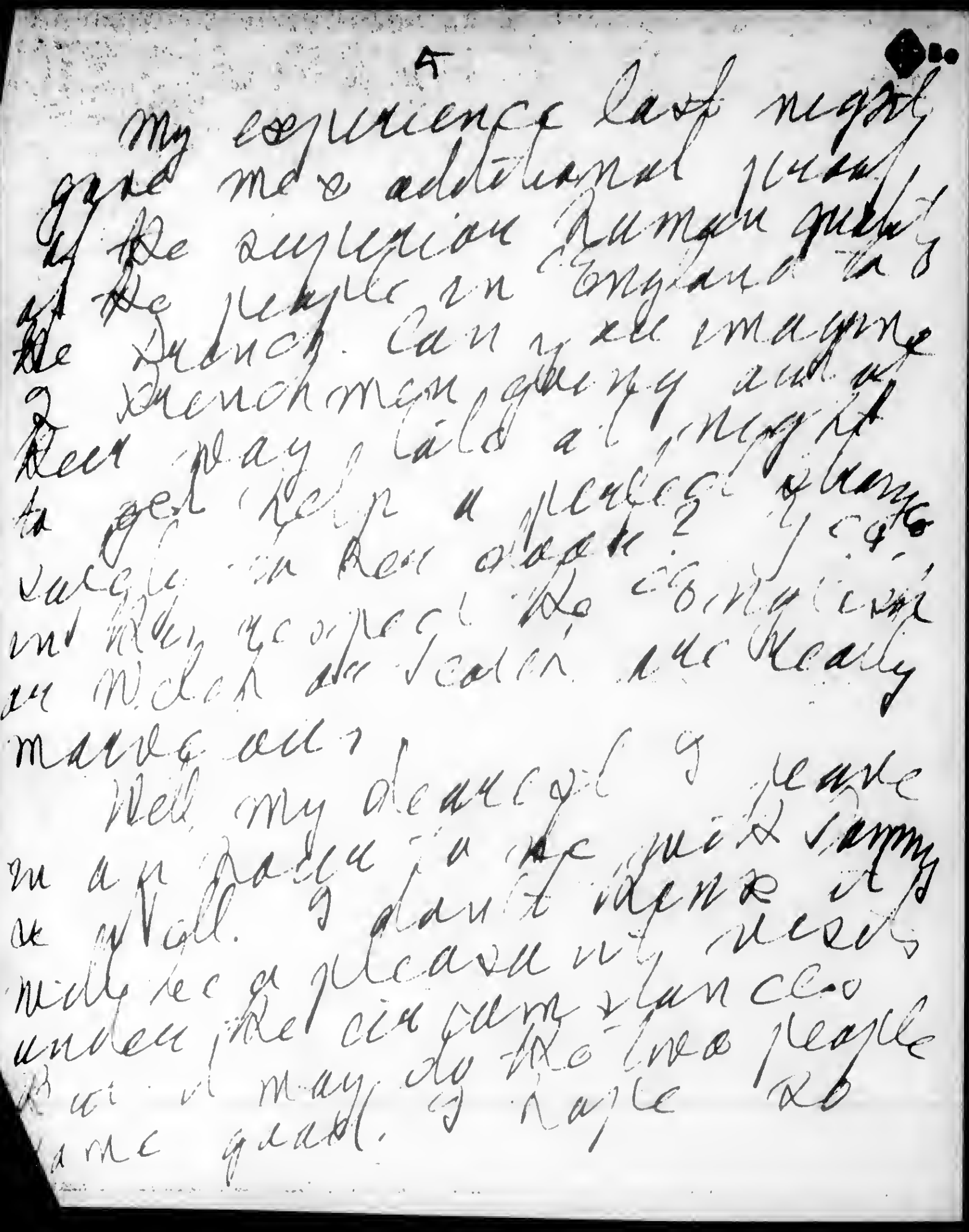
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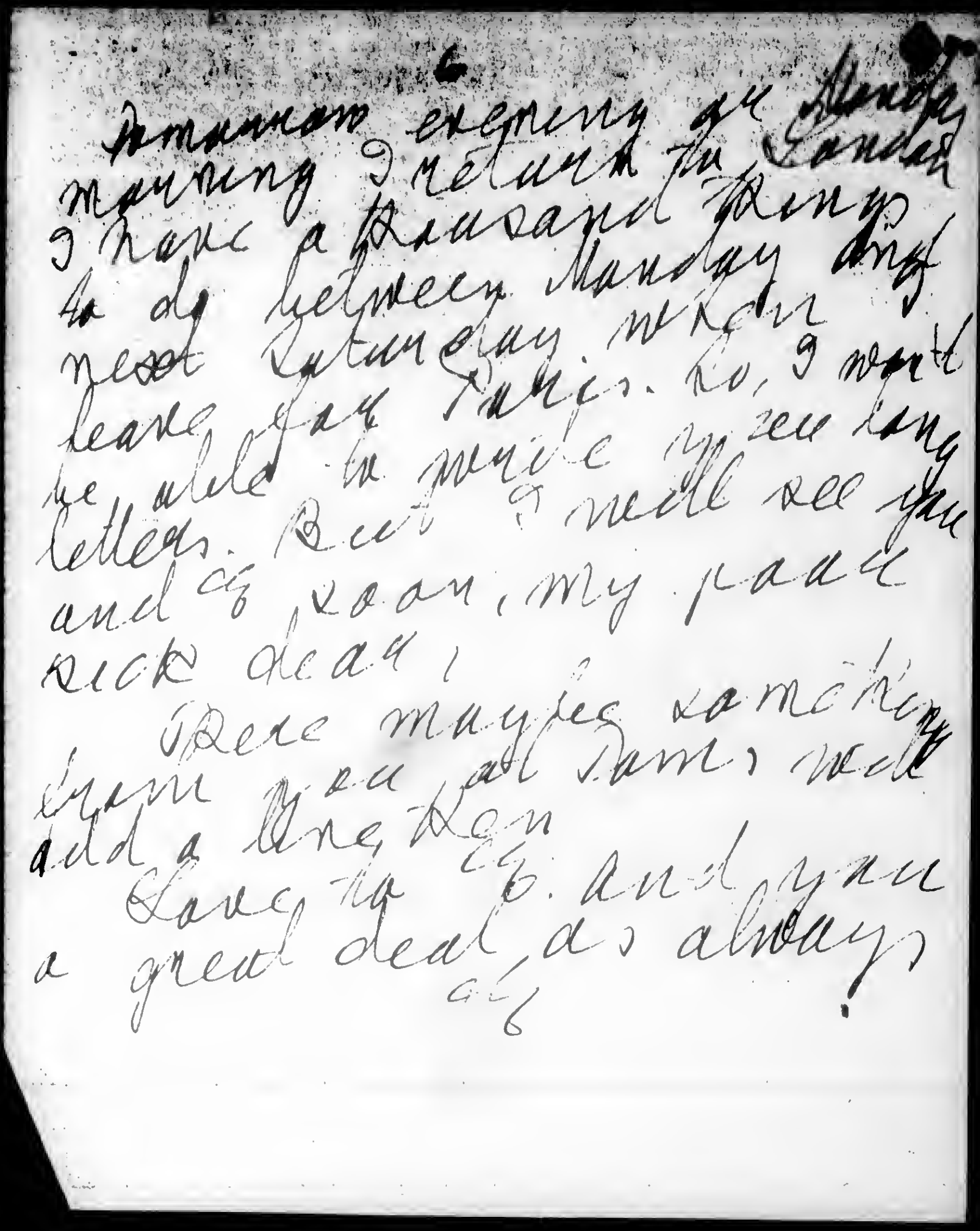
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B.

Le 28 Mars 36

Cher camarade,

A.B. est actuellement à l'hôpital. Il a été subit deux opérations. Il va heureux mieux, maintenant, mais cela va encore prendre plusieurs semaines avant qu'il pourra sortir.

Il m'a demandé hier, de vous écrire et de vous dire que les réponses, il va les envoyer aussitôt qu'il sera sorti de l'hôpital. Il vous envoie, à tous, son bonjour fraternel,

E.K. pour A.B.

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THIRTEEN SIXTY-ONE MADISON AVENUE
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March 28, 1936.

Dearest Emma,

Indeed a long time has passed since last I wrote you. When your letter came to me yesterday at the office it was another barb in a conscience that was stinging. It reminded me of all the resolutions to write, honored in the breach. There is no excuse, although I could summon many. That I have been submerged in work and in a new adjustment at the office certainly won't go down with you. That I have had many anxieties this winter happily now gone, is probably what you yourself could plead. The whole truth is that the old facility of dashing off a letter on little or no provocation is gone. There is so much and so little to say. The best, after all, that a letter can do is to give old-time assurances, and let it go at that. Well, accept this letter on those terms, and if it contains anything else, that residue must be what goes with what amounts to a message of love.

Yes, much has transpired. My family has suffered illness and struggle. We thrive on it. The kids are again very well; Dorothy is recovered and we hope for no recurrences. I never get sick. There would be no need to refer to this if Stella had not chosen just those letters that mentioned illness to send to you. But Stella's intentions, [illegible], were of the purest.

I have been working quite concentratedly. In January I had two weeks with Gene in Georgia, the first days from work in a year and a half. My holiday was very restful and quiet. Gene and I renewed our old friendship on the best of terms. He and his wife were very kind and considerate.

Since my return I have been working day and night trying to orient myself in the office during the changes that have taken place there. Now the full staff of Smith and Haas has come over and our editorial department, which had been run by my assistant and myself, now has seven people. We are crowded into a single room and the confusion right now is at its peak. After a few more weeks order will be restored.

The merger means that our list of trade books will be enormously increased. By trade books I mean new books, novels, biographies and the like as distinguished from reprints of old titles which come within the province of the Modern Library. That phase of the business will go on as always. The trade books, then, is where the additional work comes. But now I have assistance and I shouldn't have to devote 14 and 16 hours a day to my job. That is, if ever we can get our department organized.

I have no way of knowing precisely what Evalyn Scott's experience with Smith could have been. The merits of her complaint are not for me to judge, but I do wish you would urge

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her to see me personally and privately (preferably at my home) and then maybe I can help her to a solution of her problem. At any rate, she can count on my being absolutely on the level with her. Is she in America now? If so, you might write to her and tell her what I have said.

I have saved for this letter what concerns me most at the moment. Stella may have sent you one of my letters with some reference to it. But I will not assume that you know that Smee is quite ill again. It is a recurrence of the thyroid condition that afflicted her in Manila many years ago. Tomorrow she goes to Mount Sinai for a period of observation and rest. All winter long she has suffered from grippe, and this new illness is probabl a consequence of her weakened condition. The doctor, one of the best in New York, assures us that although very serious her illness can be treated successfully. Smee makes light of it and dismisses, characteristically, our anxiety as groundless. Nonethe less, I am worried. I shall write you again and tell you of her progress in the hospital.

The last time I saw Moe was in response to a telephone call to meet him at the Davidoff apartment. It was after Amy's funeral and there was a large gathering of callers. But I did get a minute or two with Moische and could observe that he was better than when I saw him last. His only complaint was of his weak leg. He cannot walk any distance and steps are out of the question. He is able, however, to attend to his job, which means a great deal when you consider how critically ill he had been.

My reasons for not going to see him? Well, illness at home, anxiety, uncertainty, work, work, work.

To continue the hospital report. It is more and more apparent that Ruth will get well eventually. She must be made to cooperate more enthusiastically and find the will to get well. As it is, she is now on the threshold of a complete recovery. What she needs more than anything else is some self-confidence, a feeling that the whole episode belongs to the past and can be forgotten. Once we implant the idea that all's well that ends well in her mind, she will have made a real step toward complete rehabil itation. Her illness, obsessional neurosis, is stubborn and takes time, but her own doctor tells me that he is very optimistic about the prognosis. Meanwhile her baby is thriving. I need not mention what her illness has done to my mother— or even to me. I really believe that what was done for Ruth, the understanding and cooperation of everyone near her, will eventually restore her to what for want of a better term we must call a normal life.

I cannot abandon this clinical section of my letter without a reference to Sascha and his illness. I learned of it from a letter of his which was sent to me by Stella. Naturally, I was upset to learn how serious it was, but I was even more impressed by the spirit Sascha displayed. Not a murmur of complaint, not a single reproach, but always a jolly reference, a light-hearted jest that concealed probably some deep and gnawing anguish. My admiration for the man was never so great as when I read that letter to Stella. Will you tell him so for me? And, of course, extend my sympathy to Emmy and my wishes for a quick and complete recovery.

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There is enough gloom on the last sheet to make we want to turn over a new leaf here. Well, the most brilliant and joyous light of my life is--- guess! You're wonderful! Of course, the kids! Now that they are entirely recovered from their illnesses, they can juggle and twist me to their hearts' content. It is I who always spoils them. But why not? What other fun is there? At least they respond and give back more than I have a right to expect. Frances as a very responsible schoolgirl devotes herself to what she calls "important work." She is even more beautiful than before. Eugene is the gay one, a tease and a wit. He calls me Tovarisch and many other things that aren't so complimentary. You cannot realize how much their companionship means to me.

Dorothy has had a hard time of it, what with nursing a house full of invalids and herself being laid out by that old back strain. It comes back with such severity as to paralyze her for days. What hurts her more than these occasional attacks is the heartbreak of trying to go on with her music in the face of a world that will have none of it. She had two recitals this winter in Westchester and although they attracted favorable attention and were succes d'estime they brought little else. She is conducting a class in the history of pianoforte music for school teachers with the benediction of the Dept. of Education. It brings her a great deal of work and very little financial reward.

My own work, as I indicated, remains as absorbing and as arduous as ever. But it really isn't hard and can't be because I am so absorbed in it. My experience of many years of real labor in doing an abhorrent thing has made this labor of love a pleasure and a passion. Of course there are aspects of it that are disheartening and almost terrifying, but I am always too interested to let it hurt me as the other did. And I still can work.

I wish my position were such as to warrant my saying that you should send your material directly to me and I'll get it published under favorable terms. But alas I cannot do that. Even if I merely suggested it to my bosses they would accuse me of nepotism and question my motives on many other counts. I understand why Knopf takes the position he does toward a book of essays. I can hear them say at an editorial meeting where the subject came up:"Miss Goldman's book lost so and so much. We can take no chances on a book that won't sell, even if it is a great contribution to the thought of our time. Essays never sell, etc., etc.,"

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Then some one might add"But a juic y book of personal reminiscence always has a chance."

My own inclination is to discourage you from a book of essays. My objections are not entirely commercial. It means an immense amount of labor for you and no returns. It means plunging into a controversial maelstrom manipulated by a handful of people. It means, above everything else, the writing of a book that brings little s tisfaction to a writer in your position. One should have leisure and serenity and endless time for such a task. Your life doesn't or never will give you such amenities.

Books on the dramatists are notoriously bad sellers. When they areissued at all, they are usually subsidized. You certainly would get nothing for your pains.

Do I write like an editor? I don't mean to. What I am trying to make clear is what you yourself know. It is my dirty job to write letters every day, telling authors why their ideas are not feasible. I hate above everything else to have to do something of the same sort to you. I owe it to you to be candid about a book of essays. I know only that our firm would not consider such a proposition. Perhaps another publishing house would be more receptive. Why not try?

Have you forgiven me for not having written to you? Or should I have said in that last sentence: Can you forgive me for writing? This letter will put a strain on your lenience.

Didn't I say before that the only function a letter can serve is to give all old-time assurances? Well, underneath all the words I have written is that assurance of my abiding love.

Saxe

Don't fail to give my love to Sascha. If it means anything at all to him, if even he remembers me, tell him how profoundly his letter to Stella impressed me. She has courage and spirit.

Mother is coming to Europe on April 12th to see Ruth. I dread the meeting, but it must take place. Mother, as you might have guessed, has been marvelous under all the strain. She remains a great personality and my ideal.

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Saturday [1936]

Emma, my darling ---

I got your wonderful letter with enclosures

Thanks dear soul, the dollar I will take partly to buy Sasha flower but als oranges. He was so touched about it, when I told him about your letter and gave him this.

Emma darling, there is nothing to worry about, Sasha, our own beloved Sasha is well. Dearest, I wouldn't want to live if I would ever hide from you anything. Or even lie. I would not be able to do that. Only, you see, I thought it wiser to tell you after the operation since it HAD to be done. In case of neccessity I knew that one telegram from me would have been sufficient to bring you here.

Now, Sasha was alright, today.

But Emma, darling, now, where Sasha is well, and you may be tout a fait tranquille about it - I want to tell you that these months are unforgettable to me. Dearest, that confidentiel. Because I never let Sasha see it. I worry, of course to death. Not now, anymore- but still, Emma beloved friend, how do I hate to have him in that hospital. He, Emma, is so sanft, such a dear soul, that he touches me to tears. How he is living there!

"Come home, I will take care of you", That cries my heart. After all, he is not young. And hasn't he seen misery enough through all those long years! Emma, my reactions are monstrous. I tell you that, because to WHOM DO YOU WANT ME TO TELL IT ???

It is a gloomy letter, but today, I saw many sick people there, and I suppose that helped a good deal. One day, when you come home, we will talk about it, You Sasha and I.... I am going to bring tomorrow a notebook and he will make notices about all that. Diese verfluchten "Religiosen", hard as s-o-b- to starving, sick people, between us. Don't mix up, Emma, not the infirmiere, I mean those who come to pray every night!!!! Terrible bitches. Tell you in person. Hell as irom. If ever there is a god he would condemn them first. But, Sasha darling has nothing to do with them, he has his care from the infirmièren.

Kurz und gut. My humble person is on the bum, Emma, darling like before. Later on, when you are back, dearest, we must see if one can do something about it. But, Only Friend, PLEASE, do not mention anything in a letter to Sasha because he must not know. And -- I know it will be better... soon.

Emmachen, be happy with me, our beloved darling is fine. It will be a long thing, though, he will come home with a pipe and so forth. But that does not hurt.....

Es ist grossartig. Manchesmal I find it easy, but not today.

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Where you tell me I should write every day, so I do, though this letter is not essential, or is it?

How are your lectures, dearest? You can be ABSOLUTELY sure, that Sasha is well, as then you are reading and studying, just concentrate without any fear. There is not a bit to worry about, in fact it is better and better.....

Yes, Emma, during the time I was in bed, SASHA ALSO WAS, Mit dem Bauch. Ein Winter. Reissend, nicht

Then, so long dearest, your check fortunately will not be used, did I write you that Modest sent 1250 Francs! Awfully nice of him, eh? I wrote him ausführlich. So, don't worry, even excuse me, but I thought may be I could send you some money because you have so little left, Emma. Tell me right away.

Good bye, dearest, dearest Emma, yes, in these days, there is nobody in the world I would have wanted to be with but you. Believe me. I can feel your pain being so far from Sasha. Das Gefuehl einer seltsamen Verantwortlichkeit verquert man mit dem Sasha. Das ist ganz kolossal.

Ich kann Ihnen das garnicht definieren, dieses Gefuehl, dass dieser Mann dort sein muss, inspite that all is well. It is ---- love. My love to him, as well as yours to him, therefore do we feel that way, I s'pose.

I kiss you. You'll hear everyday from me.

Your Emmy

S. was so happy with your letter.

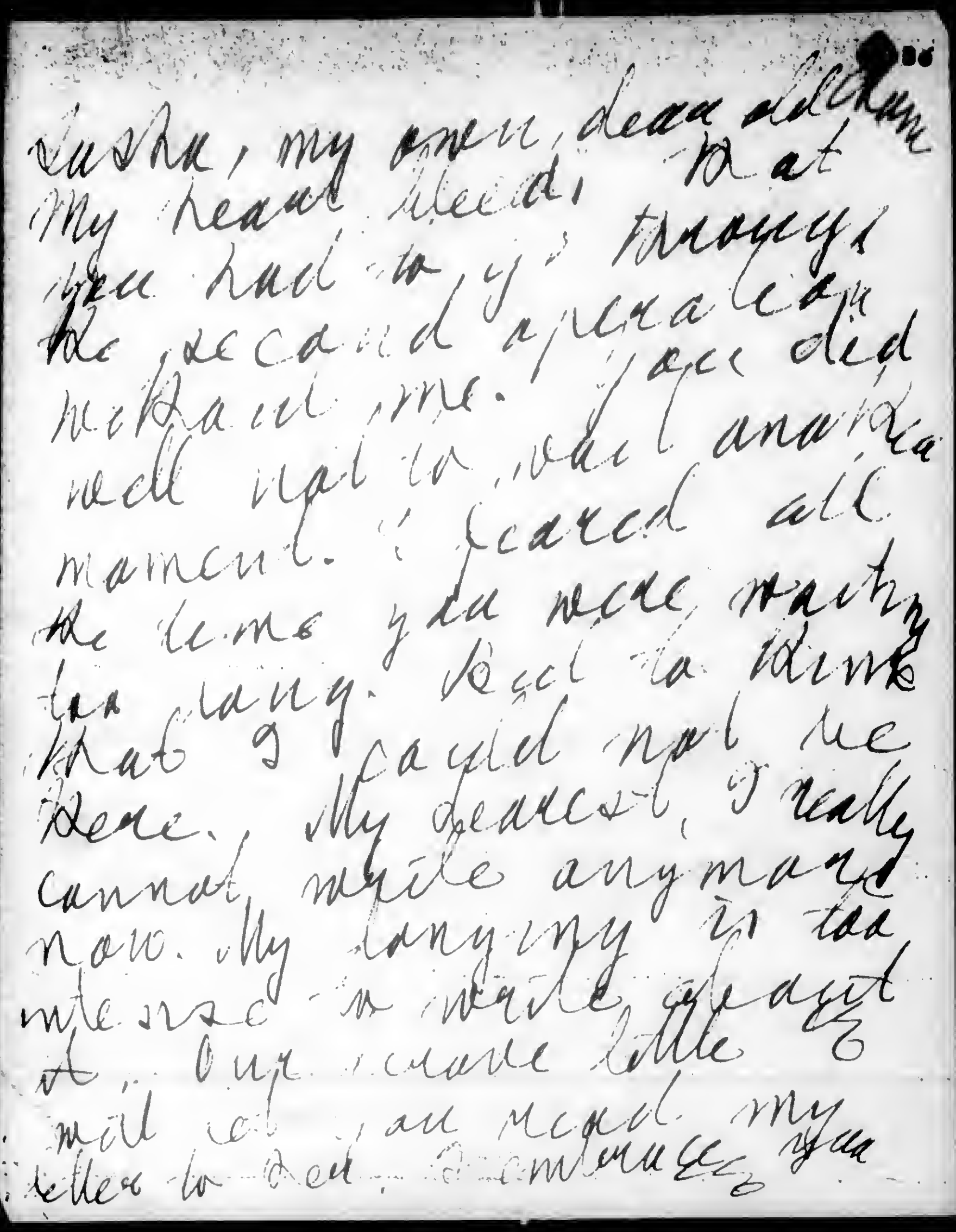
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Sasha, my own, dear darling
My head bleed, but at
the same time I am happy,
the second a year ago
we had me. I see did
well not to wed another
moment. I feared all
the time you were mad
for any. Now I think
that I had not me
here. My dearest, I really
cannot write any more
now. My darling is too
weary - a while, you get
it. Our whole life is
still to come. All my
letter to you, Emma

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London March 30th 36.

Dearest Jeanne. I got your sweet letter of the 9th inst last week. But it was impossible for me to reply at once. I was rushed from one thing to another and then had to leave for South Wales. I returned last night very tired indeed because my three days campaign in South Wales meant covering a lot of ground, mainly in buses. You will appreciate the strenuosity when I tell you that I was travelling in seven buses in just one day to get from one place to another. But it was worth while. You see I spoke for what is called in England National Counsil of Labor Collges, Merxian to the core. In fact at one place I had a Communist as my chairman and my host for the night. Quite a different breed of Communis I had ever met. Intelligent, tolerant and as charming as one could wish. I assured him that if all Communists were like that it would not be difficult to work with them. Alotgether my South Wales meetings were among the best. And it will please you to learn that I have made a "hit". I have endeared myself to the students especially and it is certain that they will want me again. In fact I have already been asked for dates. All, in all I have made some headway this time, not terribly much, but a begining that may prove very much worth while next Fall. Of course it was all a moral rather than an material headway. And it was drudgery most of the time. Yet I feel my efforts brought some results.

Tomorrow is my last lecture. Saturday I leave for Paris and thence to Nice. Last Satruday I had another shock. Sasha was to wait with the second operation for my return. But when he saw his surgeon he was told he would have to go on the operating table at once. He had already been waiting longer than was good for him. You can imagine I was sick with anxiety for two days until I heard from Emmy that the operation went off without a hitch and that Sasha was slowly recovering. To days word from Nice assures me that I need not worry. The word having been written the fourth day of the operation I am hoping that no complications will set in. Anyhow, I will be with S. and Emmy a week from today. Poor Emmy, she too must undergo an operation. But she at least can wait until next week. So you see that I am returning to France not for a rest which I need badly, but to take care of my two invalides. I do not regret it. If I can nurse S. back to health and Emmy to a new jest of life I shall be content.

Lat week I also had a letter from Julia Salperine and an A. Express money roder for $25. I wonder whether this is for some of the memoirs you write you would send. Julia again asks me to let her know. This is what she writes "We will make every effort to help Joanna [illegible] you need puzzled. Julia knows that Sasha has undergone one operation, by the way he underwent the scond last Tuesday,

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she also knows that S. or I have any income.She must know therefore that help is urgently needed. Why then does Juli ask me to tell her what she can do? She is a dear and her letter, the first since they left rance is very war.. and friendly.But I cannot undestand why she always tells me to let her know if she can help. [redacted] All I can do is to write her the actual situation.And then let her do what she feels necessary,or able.

The situation is as follows,Sashas first ope ration on the prostate, the medical care he has had in and outside the hospital,and Emmys stay in the hospital for observation have already swallowed up $400. Of that Stein sent Sasha some money and hundred he received from the bala ance of the fund that had been raised for his birthday. Now came the second operation. He will have to remain in the hospital several weeks and then need considerable care to get him on his feet. In addition Emmy must undergo and operation.You can imagine what that will cost. Nor of the fact that S. will not be in a condition to do anykind o of work, even if he had any all through the summer. Aside of he sickening anxiety I have gone through since I learne of Sashas first operation is the ever present worry where it is all to come from. Now here is a chance for Julia to help. I wonder if there is a way of rasing some amount that would secure Sasha and E.over the summer? They will need $75 a month if they will live in St Tropez with me.They cou could hardly get along on that in a seperate menage. Of cou course they will be with me.Would you care to talk it over with Julia and see if between the friends and acquaint ance of the two of you and Aaron some such thing could not be organized. There should be no public appeals,please.

About myself, there is this,I can tell you that I have broken through though not very deeply so.Still encourageing enough as a bgining for next year. I [redacted] Whatever success I have had was entirely spiritual. In the entire five months I did not earn enough to pay my keep. That had to come out from the small capital raised for the book. I am not complaining. I am merely stating the situation here. Not for a moment do I regret my struggle. It was more than worth while to have gained a few friends and to have broken though such ultra Marxian stronghold as the Labor Cooleges here as I did in South Wales. So much so that I have already been asked for more dates. That is a most gratifying begining and it holds out hope for further work when I return as I most assuredly will if Sasha gets back his strength.

I had an awful scare Saturday. S. wrote agai again and again that he was going to wait for me wi h his second operation. Saturday I learned that when S. was again examined by his surgeon the latter insisted on an immidiate second operation. I was frantic with worry. I rushed back to London in the hope of finding word how S.is faring. Fortunately, [redacted] I did find a ord to the effect that the operation went off fine and that S

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is doing very well. I had another card to day dated the 28 four days after S.operation which told me they had started to feed him. That was a relief I can assure you. In any event S. will need great care all summer to restore part of his health. Its tragic isn't it that he should now have to pay for the years in hose dreadful prisons. Such is the price great souls have to pay. As you will see I am going back to France to nurse my two invlides. If only I can build them up I shall be happy. Fortunately my health keeps up except for sever colds and cough which raked me up considerably his winter.

While I think of it I thought I had acknowledged lon ago that I had eceived your gift of five dollars for Christma warlidg. I am not worried about the pamphlet. I have such great faith in your splendid ability to make anything you undertake go I am certain you will succeed with the brochure. It was only that I felt you would be burdened with a big job. That was all. Alright about the price of 10. You are right, it will be easier to sell it. I thought I had already sent you the address of comrade Zubrin in New Yor.. He is the only reliable comrade in D. I know. Better write him first to ask if he will undertake the sales and how many he would want. In Philadelphia, I know only Mildred Mesirow. I do not think she would be able to dispose of copies. But she may know someone who would. ritehe. You have the Toronto addr ss of a very fine comrade and a most devoted friend of mine Dorothy G[illegible]e Giessecke. She can sell a lot of copies.

Aboutthe clipping in re Nazimova and Orleneff The reporter is a fool. I never went under the name of Schwart t was E.G. Smoth. Nor did I consent to put my foot over the threashold of the Tsarist Consul though I did act as Orleneffs interpretor and mananger in all other places he used to be invited. Oh, yes there was one other place I refused to go with Orleneff and Nazimova that was the Hull House. You see I called up Jane Adams to tell her who E.G. Smoth was as I did n not wish to go to her under a false name. When the holy Jane heard me say over the phone that I am E.G. I could hear her catch her breath, she began to stutter and mumble something tha it would be alright. So I just hung up the receiver and told Orleneff I would not accompany him. Was there ever a reporter who got anything straight.

Yes, the times are frightful. I talk about coming back when they maybe war. Of course I'd return to England anyhow for anti war work even at the risk of arrest. The dicidding factor will be Sashas health. If he is much improved I shall not mind leaving him over next winter. But if he cannot pick up I simply could not leave him. We ill see. Meanwhile I am leaving here Saturday for Paris and from there to Nice for at least a month. So you had better write me c/o M.A.Berkman 101, Blvd de Cessolle.

Sasha may have had a letter from Lucille but in his illness he must have forgotten to let me know. By

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and xxxx talk to Joe about the sink fund for S. I have mugges suggested. But impress it upon him it is not to be raised by means of public appeals. Sasha would murder me for that.

Give my love to Jay and take a whole lot for yourself.

Write me again soon my dear.

Devotedly.

Dorothy Giesaecke
Chine Drive
Scarboro Bluffs Ontarion
Canada.

Mrs Mildred Mesirow
Garden Court Aprts.
47 and Pine Streets
Philadelphia. Pa,

A.Zubrin
9504 Jos Campan Detrout Mich.

Mrs Grace Wellington
1035 Ringgold, Crerton Heights She maybe able to sell
Pittsburg Pa. quite a lot.

Do you want to try Ann Lord? She is to be reached
c/o Woman's City Club
22 Park Avenue New York City. She has all the love and devotion in the world for me. And would if at all possible undertake the sale of the pamphlet. Better write her. I have already given you other addresses before.

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I understood perfectly that you must have been very crowded with work which prevented you writing me sooner than Feb. 21st of this year. I myself have been so frightfully rushed with work and the never-ending correspondence - I have not been able to write to my friends so often as in the past. It is a rare chance to be blessed with able secretaries who can afford to give one time out of love. I had such dear people in Toronto and Montreal, but friends in London who would have been only too happy to devote themselves to my interests, work many hours to make a living and can only occasionally give me an hour or two. That has made the situation harder for me, So you will understand, dear friend, why I was not as prompt as in the past.

You will see by the enclosures that I have succeeded, if in a small measure, to arouse interest in my work here. As a result, I have definitely decided to come back next autumn and settle in London, as far as I will ever be able to "settle" anywheres in the world. I find that the most intense struggle, no matter how little it yields, is preferable to inactivity, and I would have to submit to that were I to continue to live in France. So I hope to come back next autumn. For the present I must return to France to nurse my dear old chum and comrade, Alexander Berkman. He has undergone two operations and is only slowly recovering. Fact is, I should have been at his bedside some weeks ago, if I were not tied up with dates. But now it is done for a time, and I am leaving on Sat. April 4th for Nice. My address there will be: c/o The American Express Co., 2 Rue du Congrès, NICE (A.M.).
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LONDON, April 2, 1936.

Dear Friends,

Again I am forced to reach you all by means of a statement rather than by individual letters. I know that you will not mind, as it will save me (or rather the friend who is taking this) a great deal of time. Not that I ever particularly liked Kipling – certainly not his jingoistic stuff – but but he did say a few things that were stirring; his reference to the sailor's task and his joy when the "ship is swept and the day is done". I, too, feel joyful, because I have reached the end of my stay here. The task was certainly hard – at times it seemed unbearable, but in the retrospect I am glad that I stuck it out.

The last weeks, since my second statement, have been very encouraging. For instance, my short tour through South Wales: I spoke before three Labour Colleges – mostly young people, and I was amazed at the social awareness and revolutionary mindedness of the workers there, at least those who attended my lectures. When you will bear in mind that these Labour Colleges are Marxian semetoms, you will appreciate the advance of some of the organisations if they were willing not only to hear Emma Goldman, but also to be deeply impressed! It was very gratifying to me, indeed, to be the first Anarchist to penetrate the Holy of Holies! And what is more to the point, I have been asked for more dates. Now, will you doubt my mesmerising powers?! The most interesting experience I had was to find that my chairman in one of the towns was a Communist (?). Moreover, he was also my host, and he delivered himself of both in a most tolerant and magnanimous manner. It must have hurt the poor man terribly to listen for an hour and a quarter to a sharp criticism of Bolshevist Communism, yet he was as fine and big about it as few Communists I have ever met. I assured him that if more of the Communists were as big minded and as generous, it would be possible even for me to work with them. He was, indeed, a revelation. So you see, dear Friends, we must never give up anyone. I realise the growth of human beings is slow, but some of them do sometimes outgrow their prejudices. They begin to realise that "distance lends enchantment....." The glowing light from Russia is beginning to be dimmed somewhat, especially since Mr. Litvinov has offered a toast to the British King, and since comrade Stalin has told the French Government that it is in duty bound to arm itself against the enemy! Yes, intelligent Communists outside of Russia are beginning to feel very uncomfortable over the foreign policy of the Russian dictator. And they would feel still more uncomfortable if they realised that the policy inside of Russia is daily growing deadlier. Anyway, I loved being in South Wales: the people are more warm-hearted and responsive. True, I have been warned by some of my English friends "not to trust Welsh people". The same old bitter national and racial prejudices!

Before I went to South Wales, I spoke to a Playgoers' Circle in Coventry. Here, too, I had a great surprise. I faced an audience of about a thousand people in a large Theatre. I could hardly believe it. All my other lectures, in London especially, being attended by a handful. Here, too, I I made a "hit". I have been asked to come again.

Lastly, was the "Farewell" lecture in London on March 31st. no less a surprise, because the audience actually paid admission. That is as rare in

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this country as bright weather in winter in England. It was a "cracker-jack" audience — very alert and attentive. You can see, therefore, that I have "broken through". I feel that I have made a beginning, which deserves to be continued further. With that in view, I am definitely coming back here to settle. Maybe it is foolish to talk of "settling" anywhere, having regard to the present situation. The statesmen of Europe are sure to be destroyed, because the gods have already struck them mad. Not that I would worry about the Statesmen; the terrible thing is that they will pull the world along with them. Imagine, Great Britain and France trembling in their boots before the two dictators in Europe; — Mussolini and Hitler! Certainly, nothing succeeds like success. A few years ago, Hitler was decried as a mountebank — to-day he dictates terms, and the world trembles at the very mention of his name. The world knows that the latest affair in Germany, called "election" was carried out by methods of which American gangsters would be ashamed, and yet the world remains blind and deaf and dumb to the fake power of the dictators.

Under such circumstances, it is foolish to make plans, yet one could not support life if one did not continuously plan. Just now I am going back to France to nurse our comrade Alexander Berkman. He had undergone two operations in the last six weeks, and he needs the utmost care and attention. Fact is, I should have cancelled my dates here, had not our courageous Comrade urged me to stay on, assuring me that he was not in danger. It was bitter hard to do so, but one cannot always do what one wants most in a personal way when one is at the same time before the public. I feel relieved though at the news just received that my old chum is really making some progress. In a few days longer I will be with him. His health will be my first concern during this summer.

Write me, under "E.G.Colton" c/o Alexander Berkman,
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NICE (A.M.) France.

Fraternally,

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Dear Sir. As promised to your representative I am sending you a photograph of myself for your use in your paper of Sunday. You need not be uneasy about the copyright. Just kindly give credit to the artist who made the photo as per his signature. That will do as the artist is a friend of mine.

Please return the photo to my Sec. Mr R.Barr 106 Coningham Rd. W.12.

I am asking friends in this city to forward a copy of Reynolds to me as I am leaving for France comming Saturday.

Yours sincerely.

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I had hoped A.B. will be able to wait with his second operation for my return. But his condition was getting too grave to wait longer. So he submitted to the second operation a week ago last Tuesday. I have been assured by his girl that he is doing as well as might be expected though in considerable pain. I should have left for Paris yesterday. But I still have so much to do to straighten out accounts and assort and pack all my books and other accummulated stuff I simply cann manage to rush away. But I am frightfully uneasy and I will feel great relief when I reach Nice. Its been shere torture to hold out here knwoing of the serious condition of our comrade.

Everything points to my return for a permah stay in England. Provided Berkman recoveries. I could n not again leave him in poor health. Then too there is the possibility of war. Its downright stupid to make plans. In any event I mean to come back. I am not fool enough to expect very much more than I have achieved so far. But I must keep at it to be "saved". I find nothing so trying as inactivity. I am glad to say I have made a few friends, primarily the Buttons, a couple. He it was who has made the Conway Hall possible. And he it is who has undertaken to work hard during the summer to pre pare a new campain. Wish him luck.

Goodby dear Tom. Great Lillian for me.

Fraternally.

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LONDON, April 2nd., 1936.

Dear H.W.

I do feel terribly guilty to have neglected you so long. Fact is I wanted very much to write you and answer your letter of August 12 of last year, but it was just impossible. I am not going to worry you with the numerous shocks and unpleasantnesses since I wrote you last. That refers to last summer. Last November I came to England and tried once more to break through what seemed to me barren ground. While I have made some headway, I have still considerably hard work to do to establish myself. But you will see from the enclosed statement that I have tried valiantly.

At this writing, to quote Kipling: "the ship is swept and the the task is done". I am glad to say that the end was much more encouraging and somewhat reminiscent of the "haydays" in America. My last lecture took place last Thursday (March 31st). When I will tell you that it was the first decent meeting in London in all the months since I arrived, you will appreciate the uphill work to get a hearing in this city. It is strange that the metropblis should prove so much moresterile than the provinces. While I have not visited many provinvial towns, I have had excellent meetings wherever I had been, but London was a "frost": measley crowds and unresponsive. However, the last audience convinced me once more that it is never the fault of the people of the city as it is of the organisers of public affairs. When one is fortunate in getting efficient help, one can perform wonders. And that is exactly what happened the last six weeks in this city. A young couple became interested in my work - strangely enough, the woman as much as the man, but he is the man who has the "pep-and-the-go", and it was really he who made the meeting pos possible and successful. I therefore feel very much encouraged about further work next autumn.

When this will reach you I will be back in Nice. But for the dates in England, I should have gone there six weeks ago to take care of A.B. He has undergone two operations - one a week ago, and I was terribly worried about him. The last word I received to-day effect that he is slowly improving, but it will take weeks to get A.B. on his feet again. So I am going to Nice, and to St. Tropez only when A.B. is well enough to join me.

About that article in the "Saturday Evening Post" ab and the picture which makes you look ever so handsome and poor me like an old hag. Only the rotten taste of an American newspaper could drag in the picture in an article that has no bearing whatever on either me or you, or the lamp-post. But it doesn't matter.

Yes, poor Mooney is still fighting on - I wonder whether he will ever come out alive? I had occasion to speak about the beginning of his case last Tuesday when I spoke on "Living My Life".

My address will be under "E.G.Colton" c/o A. Berkman,
101, Bd.de Cessole,
NICE (A.M.) Frane

write me there until further notice.

Cordially and affectionately
as ever,

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6, WRICKLEMARSH ROAD,
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6 April, 1936.

Dear Comrade:

I made your lectures as widely known as I could, among my immediate circle, and some of them attended your lecture at Conway Hall. It was quite impossible for either my wife or myself to turn up, although one of us would have loved to be there. Our little girl is ill just now, and we cannot both be out at the same time.

None of the people I notified were of the type which buys tickets ahead, but I don't suppose it makes any difference whether they reserve their seats or pay at the door.

I understand that the meeting was quite a good one, although, like so many others, the numbers

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32 N. State St
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Dearest Mommy.

The weeks have rolled into months
Since I heard from you
I used to hear indirectly about you from time to time.
But " no word , no sign" from anybody.

Hope you are well and cheerful
And you had a good lecture season.
And that you can have a long happy rest at San Tropes
Trust that Berkman is well and doing nicely.

With us it is always the same.
Brutus is finishing his 3rd. quarter at the U.
Find studies difficult but delightful.
With his football, social life the U. completely absorbs him.

The little Mother is remarkable well and cheerful
We celebrate her 76th birthday the 17th. of this month.
My Brother Low has appartently fully recovered from his stroke.
Business keeps up at about the same pace.

Lippincotts sold the manuscript of SISTERS OF THE ROAD
To Macauley the N. Y. Publishers
And they will bring it out this summer.
I don't need to tell you about the difficulities with publishers .

Constable my English publishers
Is trying to arrange some lectures & conferences in England for me.
And it is altogether within the range of possibilities
That I may make a tour of England talking on SOCIAL OUTCASTS.

All our old Friends seems to be prospering.
Dr. Fred. Cook is near to proving his claims of having discovered the N. Pole .
The Gen. Coxey plan is now being sponsored by Father Coughlin.
Jeff Davis is a very popular King of the Hobos.

Lucy Parsons and Nina are growing old Not too gracefully.
But they are both full of life and activity.
I know absolutely nothing about the Anarchists movement.
For some reason or an other, they keep away from me.

But the students, Profs, Hobos and Artists continue to crowd my office.
On the Radio W. M. A. Q. tonight.
In the papers very often
And always have more of less economic and spiritual Security.

I am at work on my Autobiography
And I want to devote a good deal of thought and space to you.
I am so anxious to have your friendship, help and blessing.
I wish you could think of a way that you and A. B. could help me with parts.

I hope these few verses find you well and cheerful
It was 29 years this month when we started on our first tour.
I still regard my years with you and the most important and precious
Good luck and good by to you my little Blue Eyed Mommy.
Love

Love Ben

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6 Clare Buildings
Plymouth.

Dear Comrade

Received your letter all safe. I was hoping there would have been a bit of luck for yourself and A. B. I don't see anything funny about it if you had seen, because if any two people in the world deserved it it would have been yourselves. Trust you have a real good time and make progress in that district Glad to tell you I got the Book "Living my Life" in splendid condition to day. Monday. Kind Greetings

From W. E. and A. Braund

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111, Browning Road,
Enfield.
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My dear Emma

When I undertook to carry your "baby" I overlooked the fact that napkins would have to be taken into consideration. By the appended letter I received from Barr you will see that I am asked to do the necessary washing. Here's my reply:

Dear Barr, herewith cheque value £3.00 requested. I fear it will not cover washing for E.G. is purely a matter of cash. If Emma had sufficient to pay her way I would be paid for immediately. It was anything else but Emma I would [illegible] your "living power will" and receiving your thanks. Will see you on Tuesday evening unless phone to stay [illegible]

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Barr followed up his letter by calling me on the telephone and made it clear to me that he would treat the £3 as a personal loan. He finds

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himself in a fix to pay his home rent and would appreciate my assistance. I ask you Emma could I refuse? Of course not - you would have done the same.

Under seperate cover I sent you the papers you asked me to send to you every monday, and in the same I enclosed the sheet on which Raymond drew you a short write up. I am enclosing herein another cutting, also mentioning of a slight mention of your name that will probably amuse you.

I am in receipt of your card from Paris and I am anxious to learn all about your excitement — I'll be patient.

I took "Auntie" after your departure to the nearest pub to wash away her sorrows of losing you. I of course we missed you, but you cant be a bird of passage and stay put at the same time.

Perhaps the "Express" expresses your sentiments by calling you a little black & white sea-bird. Yours sincerely. Sol.

Will write again soon.

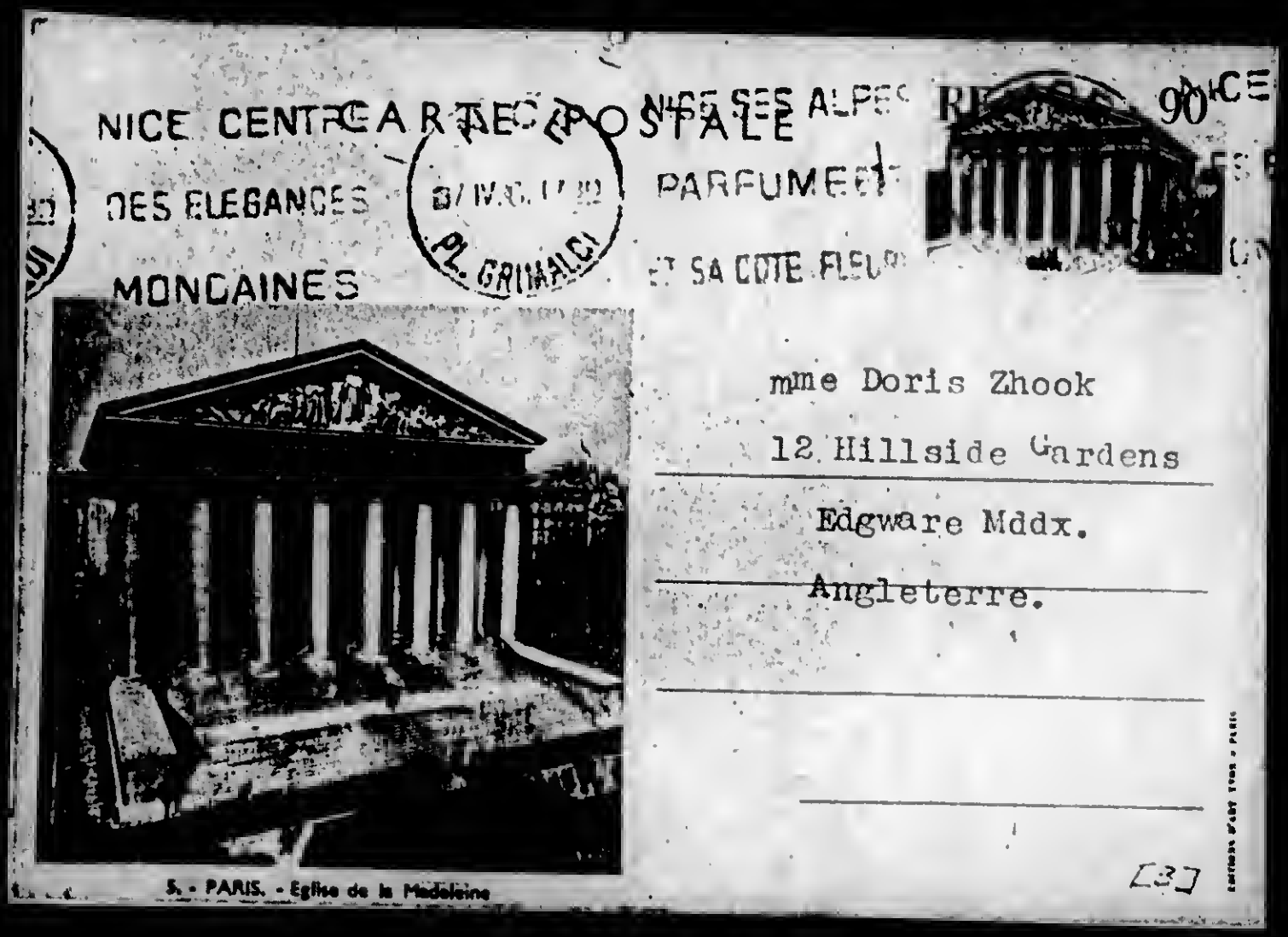
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Dearest Doris. I was sorry not to see you again. On arriving in Paris I received a wire from Emmy that Sasha has improved and not to hurry. But I was too impatient and anxious to stay over. I left P. Sunday night, arrived here yesterday afternoon. Alas, too late to get into the hospital to see Sasha. I am going with E. in about two hours. I will add a line how I found him. He must have gone through hell itself because E. tells me S. has grown frightfully thin and weak. Well, I will be able to judge better when I see him to day. E. looks badly. She is somewhat terrorised about her operation. I wish it were unnecessary. But the surgeon insists it is. So after she has rested up a bit she will have to go through with it. Anyhow I will have my hands full. Dearie please type my letters as soon as possible and send them on. It will save me an awful lot of labor. Love.

P.S. Sasha very much better but still weak.

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Nice April 8th 36.

Dear comrade Kapp. As you see I am in Nice. Rushed here as soon as my dates in England were fulfilled. It was with a very heavy heart that I continuod there while my old chum and comrade Alexander Berkman had to underog an operation on the prostate. We had hoped that he might be able to wait with the second op eration until my return. But his condition got worse and his surgeon ordered him to the operating table two weeks ago yest erday. Sasha was doing very well the first week. Since then he has been running a high temperature. I saw the doctor to day and he gave me the absolute assurance that Sashas condition is not grave. But he is so run down, lost weight as aresult of the suffering he has already gone through that I am naturally very much worried about the temprature. However, I am here now. And just as soon as he can be moved I will take Sasha to his own flat where I can give him real nursing and care. The hospital here is antedeluvina beyand belief. Imagine an old fas'ioned hoispital without adequate trained nussing or human at endance in the name of the man who was so much ahe d of his time. It is the Pasteur Institute. The poorset charity hospital in the States is I am sure much more modern. But that is so much like the French. They have remained sticks in the mud. Anyhow, I can hardly wait until I can take our comrade away from the ghastly place. I hope it can be done in another two or three weeks.

ear comrade, as Sasha cannot write, he has asked me to acknowledeg the rxxx last $100 you have sent him and to thank you for having done so. Though the hospital is suppos to be xmi free the expence for the two operations has already be been very high. And then will come his care and proper nurishment to build up his vitality that has become very deleped the last coupl > of years and especially the last two months.

A letter from our friend Fitzi tells me that you, comrade Grosner and some others are planning a fund of $5000 for comrade Berkman. That is splendid. You have no idea how that will cheer him and give him strength to fight his illness. It is tragic for a man who has been afighter all his life to be broken in health. But it is even worse to be in exile unable to move about endured in one country only on suffrance and in addition not to be able to earn one's own independent living. The one sustaining force is the knowledge of ones friends in America. I cannot begin to tell you how much it has meant to Sasha and to me to know our friends have been ever ready to come to our rescue. And now more than ever will it encourage and strengthen Sasha to know what you are planning to do.

Fitzi also wrote me that you would like to ger out another edition of Sashas Memoirs. Of course I will see that the plates which belong to me are shipped by the British publisjer. I will write him in a day or two and ask him to send the plates to you. But as I have explained to my dear friend Fitzi I sent hundred copies of the British edition of the Memoirs to

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comrade M Bluestein about two months ago. I have also written him to try and sell the book at $2 per copy and to send the amount over the

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the $50 already sent me for the actual cost of the hundred copies to comrade Berkman. Perhaps you could get in touch with Bluestein to help dispose of the copies he has as quickly as possible. The critical moment of Sashas condition is now and when he will leave the hospital. So if the hundred copies could be sold quickly it would help a lot towards the medial expences and the care of our comrade.

I take it dear comrade that you have in mind to raise the $5000 by private subwcriptions among the organizations the International represents. Comrade Berkman has always been fright fully sensitive about public appeals. Will you please bear that in mind? Of course when one is ill and one's [redacted] strength is deplated one can no lohger be so particular. Still, I hope you will try your best to spare our comrade the feeling that he is in any way a public charge on the workers. I can assure you of one thing and that is that comrade Berkmans spirit has remained as strong and as glowing as it had ever been. I want you and the others to know that.

Please write me soon again when you have gotten in touch with Bluestein.

Fraternally.

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Nice April 9th 36.

Dear Mr Knopf.

It was a most pleasant surprise to find the new volume of L.M.L. on my artval here. How I wish I could have had some copies while I was lecturing in England. I had ever so many demands from among my audiences who could not pay high a price. Perhaps when I return to England in the autumn for a more extende tour and a permanant stay it will be possible to dispose of some copies of the new edition. It looks awfully nice.

I winder whether it would not now be possible to find an English publisher.Gollancz once told me he would have bought the rights if he could have published the work for 7/6. Would he be likely to consider it now,do you think? He is frantically pro Soviet.So he may not care to handle L.M.L. because of the second part. Otherwise he might be interested. Another one who might is Cobstable. Perhaps Mr Postgate would try again.

I am sure the new edition would have a large sale in the States if the Garden City peoplewere to advertise extensive I hope they do. L.M.L. has not been before the American public so long itsxx existance must have been frogtten. More reason to advertise the book as widely as possible. I hope you will suggest that to the new publishers. By the way, friends of mine in Chicago are about to publish a brochure of mine on the place of the individual in society. They intend printing 12,000. I suggested that they write you about anxxxxxxxxxx a page ad of L.M.L. I hope you will suggest to the Garden City people to place such an advertisement,especially now that the book can be had for $1,49.

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reasonably certain the book could be made to sell considerably if widely advertised in such papers as The Nation and New Republic, besides the literaby sections of the Sunday papers. Please do not take offense at my writing you about the matter. You see, I have been very much concerend in your loss in connection with L.M.L. Now maybe the chance to make good this loss and maybe even bring something [illegible] above the amount still due you.

Would you be interested in a book of essays? I have a lot of material I may put in shape this summer. What do you think about it? Please let me know.

After years of effort I have at last made some inroad in England. This has decided me to retunr in the autumn and make London my home as far as I ever had one. I found it impossible to continue gagged in France. Having secured a British passport I can only be arrested if my work is found too drastic. But His Majestys Government cannot send me out. As you know being arrested or in jail is no new experience to me. Anyhow, I have difinitely decided to make my last years count in England since America is closed to me.

My address until May 15th will be c/o the American Express Co. 2,rue du Congrès Nice A.M. I will remain in Nice until then in the capacity of nurse of my old friend Alexander Berkman who is very ill now. After I will go to St Tropez for the rest of the summer.

Please give the inclosed to Mr R.Meyer.

With best greetings.

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Nice April 9th 36.

Mr R. Meyer
Alfred A.Kropf Inc.
730 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

Dear Mr Meyer. I am awfully sorry to have bungled the check. I have no idea how that happened.

Please find inclosed another check to cover my indebtedness for two copies of L.M.L.

Sincerely.

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Nice April 9th 36.

Dear comrade Holtz.

I am really writing for comrade Berkman and while on the job also for myself. Comrade Berkman is in the hos pital after a second operation on the prostate. While he is impr oving he is still a very sick man. I will feel most happy if I can take him out of the hospital in about three weeks. Then the main taks will begin to build him up. He is frightfully run down as a result of a combination of illnesses he had been suffering for quite some time.But being gifted with an iron will he dtagged along when he should have gone under the knife last summer. I saw comrade Berkman to day and I can assure you and the other comrades I found him very much better than yesterday when I left him in a high fever and very much depressed. I had a talk with his surgeon who assured me that Sashas condition is not grave at all. But it will take time to build him up. I am not worried about the latter. Sashas will get on his feet once he can go with me to St Tropez for the rest of the summer. All would therefore be reassuring if it were not that Emmy too must undergo and operat ion, rather more serious than even Sashas has been. In a week or two when S. has improved to the extend of being able to leave the hospital Emmy will go on.

I should have returned from England for the first op eration of S. had I known anything about it. But he wrote me when it was all over. By that time I was crowded with dates which I could not possibly break. It was no easy feeling to go on with my activities with my old chum and Emmy so ill.But such is the fate of those who dedicate themselves to an ideal. "either in joy or in sorrow can they follow the bent of their hearts.And you may believe me when I say my heart was in Nice not in England Yet I had to remain to the very end. I left last Saturday and came right through to Nice.

About my work in England you will see from the inclosures. I ended the five months struggle with splendi meeting among the miners in South Wales and a farewell lecture in London before a very fine and representativ audience. I feel I have made a dent. I have decided therefore to return to England in the aut umn for a permanent stay. Provided comrade Berkman has completely recovered. I simply could not continue gagged in France. And Engl and is the only country in Europe that has to put up with me because I have become "His Majestys" subject.

Dear comrade it is very generous of you to have sent comrade Berkman the fifty dollars. Indeed he will need the money He asked me to thank you for him. Sasha would like to know if he money comes from contributions of the comrades.Or whether it is your own gift.In any event we are both grateful to you.

About six weeks ago I shipped to you,Yaffee,Cook Bell and Herman five copies each of Sashas Memoirs. While Her mand had sent $30,25 to comrade Berkman for the 25 copies [illegible]

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making its sale at $1.25 per copy I wrote him and Yaffee to try and sell the book at $2 a copy now that the book is out of print and Sasha is ill. That would give him another few dollars from the sales of the Memoirs. So far I have not even received an acknowledgement of the copies sent. will you kindly see Yaffe and Herman and asked them to write me as soon as possible. I should hate to have the books lost. Perhaps you will be good enough to write me.

You and the other comrades will be glad to learn that Living My Life has at last appeared in a cheap edition, only $1.49. It is absolutely complete except for the photos the first and second edition contained. Please make this widely known as it will help me greatly~~xtax~~ The new edition has been gotten out by the Garden City Publishing Co. Garden City New York. But any book dealer can get it if ~~xx~~ ordered.

Please give all the comrades my fraternal greetings. I am sure comrade Berkman would want me to add his to mine

Fraternally

Yes, it is sad when a human being does not know how to grow old. As far as Yanovsky is concerned I hardly think he was ever young. He never had a young spirit. Much less has he now. It seemed pathetic to me ten years ago when we met in Toronto and I presided over one of his lectures. It was most painful to see his talent completely gone and his brain older than his years. Yes, it is sad.

My address until May 15th is c/o A.Berkman 101, Blvd de Cessole Nice A.M. Please write me under E.G. Colton.

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Shloime,my dear.

Thanks for the letter and inclosures. Of course, I could not do differently than you did in complying with Barr's request. Just the same,I wish Barr had written me for the ¼3 not you. After all you have yourself admitted that you are more interested in the mother than in her child . whereas Barr cares a damned less for the mother than for her ideas. Besides,you came into the picture almost at the end of my stay in England. Barr should therefore have written me and not you about the money. However,you did right in calling his attention to the fact that he must under no circumstances permit his work for my lectures to interfere with getting a job and as you call it "living his life" I must have that understood before Barr begins with the new campaign. I should hate like heel to think he was being exploited. Of course I know that was not the case,since I myself did not gain enough to pay for my bread,let alone anything more than that This was certainly the case until the last Conway Hall meeting. ~~I~~ And if not for you hat too would not have brought me anything. Still, Barr will have to decide whether he wants to go on with the work,or rather get a job,if one can be gotten. I mean to write him that.

About the baby I left you,dear father of the poor little thing you will admit that the baby is no accident. ~~I~~ You became its father out of choice and with love. So what more do you want? As to"washing~~s~~ ~~napkins~~ napkins,my dear Moishe women had to do that all ~~their~~ their lives.Why not the man occasionally? Besides, think of the joy you will get when you will see the

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You should know your own sex and its pride and conceit in their desire .to perpetuate themselves in their children. So do not grumble,my dear about the treuble you may yet have with your baby. One thing however, I will see that you are spared,any more responcibilities,or care of any of the members of the large family of the mother. I promise you you shall not be taken for a millionar though you act like one most of the time.

Thanks my dear for the OBSERVER. There was no cutting from Reynolds in it though. The cutting came in your letter to day . It is not so bad,as the Canadian say. Please get a doezn copies , cut them out or ask Beryll to do it if you are too busy, I am sure she will not refuse,and send me the cuttings.

About the new letter that has to go out by May. I will send a sample of the text.You can do what you like about it. The letter should go to the Co ops first of all. Then,Williams in Cardiff will have to be written to in good time to give him a chance to circularise the South Wales Labor Collges. In as much as he will do that himself,Barr will be relieved from this task. And as he will also be relieved from the drama league organization he will really have only the Co ops,and perhaps the Labor College in England,not South Wales. He has no other lists I know of that are worth using. And it will be a waste of stamps to ask the people whose names he has for contributions. The difficulty will be to guard against mix ups in the dates given to the organization That was the great trouble last winter.This time we will have to stick to the dates we give,South Wales,for instance,or the Co ops I'll have to leave this to you and Barr. But I will send a text for the letter,or letters soon.

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Dear Moishe,my exprience on the border and on my way to Paris seem very insignificant indeed after the situation I found here. But as you have lost all interest in Berkman I do not intend to impose anything on you that concerns him and his girl. That is the one sore spot between us dear Shloime that you have shown your self so frightfully Jewish ortodox in regard to B. You would reall be a grand old thing,and most lovable but for that one narrow traight in you. But perhaps it is just as well that you are not faultless. Heaven knows what would happen then.

Please continue to send me the Observer.It will keep me informed about British affairs which is very essentail no now that I am to make England my "home".

One more thing,about new subjects. I cannot possibly begin preparing any hing now,in fact not for some months My function the next two months will be nursing a very sike man back to health,and an iqually sick woman. I only hope ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ my skill and affection may bring results for A.B. now is a very sick man and frightfully run down. In as much as so few organiz ations in England have replied,my two lists of subjects Barr has should prove quite sufficient for the Co ops, the Labor Colleges and the drama groups. Later I will prepare more.

I must stop to go to the hospital.Besides, it is enough for one sitting. Only one more thing I am sure Auntie missed me . I would not be able to swear that you did or do .

Give my love to Beryll.

Affectionately

P.S. You will be glad to learn that a cheap edition of L.M.L.

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wise its a nice looking book.And only $1.49. About six shillings except postage. We ought to be able to dispose of a lot of copies when I return.Or maybe some English house would take over the British rights now that there is a cheap edition. I am going to write Constable.

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Nice April 10th 36.

Dear Modest. As you see I am in Nice. I should have been here long ago but for our Sashas dear idea that he must shield me Thus I learned of his first operation only when it was all over. Had I known it before I could easily have left England to come here. At that time I had no dates to fill. When the news of his operation reached me it was too late. I had a num number of engagements I could not drop. Sasha and I then agre he would wait for the second operation until I could come back. Naturally, I thought he would make sure from his surgeon that waiting would not aggravate his condition. Sasha kept writ ing me that about Emmys case that she could wait.But not a word about himself. I was growing more anxious as ti e went on. Finx Finally I insisted that he must make sure. Well, the very day when he saw his surgeon the man said not another moment could he be permitted to wait. So S. went under the knife again and I was far away.

I arruved Monday and saw S. Tuesday. He had been running a high temperature for a week. On Tuesday he seemed normal. But when I came Wed he was again in high fever in pain and a very depressed state of mind. I went straight fro the hospital to Sashas doctor and had a long talk with him. He assured me that Sashas condition was NOT GRAVE. But that owing to his run down condition his recovery will take time. esterday morning he removed the bandages and inserted the catheter tih the penis so that he can begin to urinate directl Sasha felt and looked like a new man.But of course, there is no saying about complecations. I am going to the hospital

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this afternoon and will add a line about my findings of Sashas condition.

Of course I will take him to his flat when the surgeo permits him to be removed. Sasha is frigh fully run down and wi will need the best of care and attention, first in Nice, and lat later in Bon Esprit when he is strong enough to make the trip. Also, it will depend on Emmys recovery after her operation. In our case it never rains but it pours. I have no idea whether an operation will help E. very much. But after ten days obser vation in the hospital and Xrays again for the tenth time, the specialist of stomach and intesti al troubles inists on an operation. Both E. and S. want it done. So I will ceratinly not interfer. However, until S. is on his feet E. will have to wait because it will be impossible to give her the care she needs while S. is still bedridden. I will see Emmys doctor early next week and find out whats what. In any event I will have to play nurse the whole summer. Not very cheerful after five months bitter struggle in England, a sever cold and cough all winter. But I do not mind myself in the least if only I can nusrse Sasha back to health and help Emmy .

As far as I am concerned I have definitely dedided to settle in England for good. Gawd knows I hate its climate, and the effort to break through the British reserve is going to be very bitter. Yet it will be preferable to rem ining gagged and inactive in France. I simply cannot face such an end. Of course, if I settle in England I will try to sell Bon Esprit. But all that depends on Shashas condition. I will never

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again leave him in a depleted state. And S. has been that for the last seven years without himself or anybody else being aware of it. The surgeon insists that all Sashas troubles such as he had with his legs,with his heart and all else came from the condition of his prostate and the poison it engendered in his system. I hope with all my heart now that he had the two operations our Sash will have a little respit from ill ness. Then I will feel free to go away to England. After all one can always rush back easily from England. It were diff erent from Canada. That is the main reason why I would not return to that country.

Dear,old scout, I do miss hearing from you but I am not "sore as hell". I know what a lazy son of a gu gun you are when it comes to letters,especially to your oldest friend. But that is an old failing. You make up fully by your real devotion to Sasha and your truly lovely readyness to help him who he is in need. I appreciate that more than if you had shwon the same to me. Kepp it up my dearest Modest Sasha needs a great deal of encouragement.And what better inspiration does one need than the love of friends?

I have written to Joanne Lovey and other such friends about a sick fund for Sasha. I hope it will be raised. I have also written to a few in New York. For S. and E. E.have already spent a fortune on the operations,E's two weeks in the hospital. And now her operation and Sasha and her con valescence will mean agreat expence. If only they both get well nothing matters.

Emmy will write you before she goes [illegible] and their love,

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Nice April 10th 36.

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I will mail this after I have seen Sasha tomorrow. I will then add a line. Dear Arthur do write an old friend of yours please. Give my love to the girls and your lovely sons. Affectionate greetings Doric Isaacs. Is she with you again.

Lots of love to you dear Arthur.

Emma

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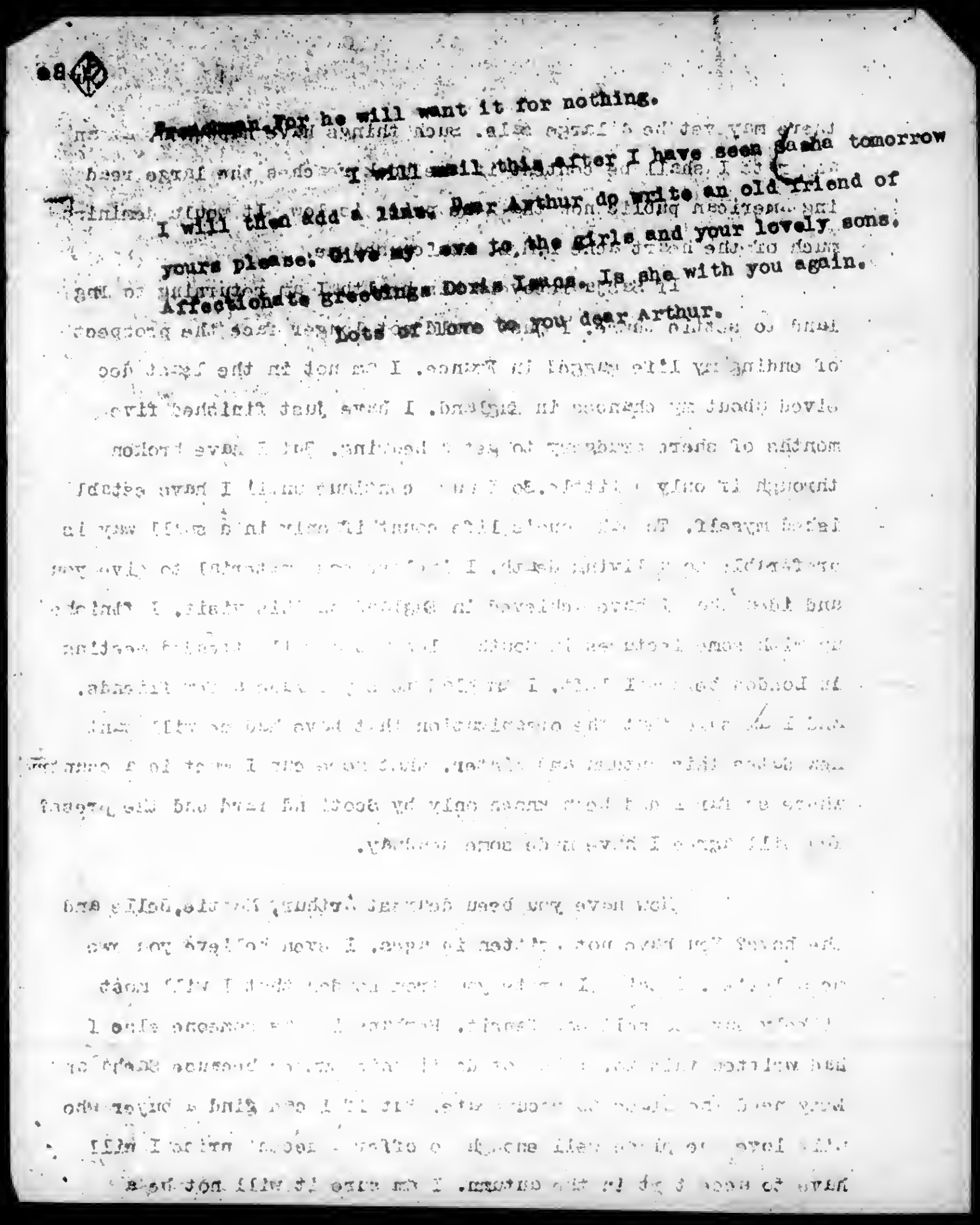
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Nice April 11th 36.

~earest Children.

I have not had a moment to write you or anyone else a decent letter about Sashas condition. Four hours every day are taken up with the hospital. The rest of the time to sooth E. who is in a worse nervous state than she has ever been. You can imagine my own state of mind. But that is all nothing so long as Sasha is making headway. I really think hismental condition is worse than his physical. He is very depressed and some days so hopeless. Of course this is all due to his illness. You and I know Sash well enough to doubt his capacity to fight his condition. and now that the bandages of the wound have been removed and he has been allowed to urinate through the penis there is no cause for worry. The main thing now is to begin building him up to restore some of his depleted vitality. He is so weak and so run down. I take him some nourishment in small quantities of course every day. Tomorrow some chicken broath the first he had in months. Fruit of course and other light things. The real process of feeding him up will begin when I get him home. Anyway, my darlings do not worry about Sasha,he will come out alright as he has all his life from the most awful suffering and pain.

It is another thing about E. As long as S. is in the hospital E. cannot undergo the operation.Not only would it be impossible to take care of both,but it would excite and worry S. too much. So the poor kid has to wait. This only makes her condition worse, I do not mean her stomach but her nerves. Some days she is alright,other times she is half mad with fear of the operation. I have not yet seen her doctor so I do not know how serious her

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case is. I will see him early next week.

Darling Mollitchka, My concern in Sasha and K. has not dampened my concern in your case. I think if you so much and your suffering. What are you doing? Are you seeing the doctor you both told me about who treats cases like yours with short waves Please write me I am frightfully anxious. I am disappointed that I was unable to carry out what I had promised myself. To stay with you for a time on my return from England and to take care of you. Indeed,no one else but Sasha could have taken me away from that decision and desire. But it was high time I should be near Sasha. He needs to be soothed,not excited. He need no end of encourage ment. I hope I give him that. Yesterday when I came he was wraught up over some little thing. But he was in fine mood when I left. So perhaps I am helping him,morally at any rate.

I am going to see him again this afternoon. I will add a line about his condition to day.

Do write me soon Mollie my dearest about your condition. I embrace you both with love.

[Letter to Senia and Mollie]

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Nice April 11th 36.

Dear plagued father of the illegetimate Baby.

Here is a copy of the letter for the cooperative societies I have sent Barr. Please make any correction you find necessary. As you will see I have not mentioned the fee. If you think it should be done,alright. I inderstand the co ops are immensely rich.So they ought not to think from 2 to 3 guineas too much. But I leave that xxx to your judgment. In a few days I will also send a text for the letter to the Labor Colleges secretaries.

I wrote Barr at length to the effect that he must not permit his work in re xxxxxxxxx the campain for me to stand i in the way of a job,if he can find one. It will be enough if he attends to the correspondence an hour or two evenings and at week ends. I cannot bear to think that he is hard up on my account I am opposed to exploitation of any living being. And more so where my inter sts are concerned. I therefore urged him to look for a job and take it if he finds it. I know Barr is devotion itself. He is of course primarily interested in helping to place Aanrchist thought before the British public. I am a mere instrument towards that end. That is as it should be. But that is no reason for me to accept his services gratis when he is so hard up. As I told you before I never could get a satisfactory answer from him to my question how jhe lives.Nor would he ever accept a penny towards his expences. Actually I had to rush ahead of him to pay bus fare or the underground. It made me most uncomfortable and conscious of taking advantage of his comradely interest. I hope he can really find something remunirative to do.

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I see by Barrs letter to you that he speak of new lectures. I have written him that I can do nothing about it now,or in the next two months. In the first place I have my hands full with two very sick people. In the second pluce all my material is in St Tropez. I could not possibly go there now. Besides, I see no need of a new list of subjects for the present. So few of the lists Barr has have been used that there is plenty left to start with for such organizations as the Co ops or the Labor Collges. And more than plenty for the drama groups. Naturally, I will bring along new stuff when I return to England. The summer is long and I hope fervently my two invalides will not need later on. Then I will be able to work. Anyhow, there is plenty material to start with. By the way, I packed the last copies of the list of subjects I had among my things left with you and Beryll. But I think Barr must have some copies. If not will you please look over the stuff dear beryll put away. Tow subjects could be added now,obne on MODERN TREND IN EDUCATION. the other on MODERN AMERICAN WRITERS.

I wonder if you have already received the copy from the Drama League advertising man. Please send me a copy when it comes. Come to think of it actually,Barr will only have to correspond with the Co ops, the Labor Oellges,and the few organizations I lectured for. The drama groups I could attend from this part of the world. Or if the unhappy father of the "baby" is willing he might ~~jxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ share the work with its loving mother.

Please give Beryll my love. I hope she can drive without her exacting master,and that she is enjoying a bit of a

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rest. She looked ill at the station. I hope she will not take on so many cases.

As to you, no doubt you are deep in your accounts. But people who are well and strong need hope for no sympathy.

However you have my affections. What more do you want?

I wrote Auntie a number of postals but not a word from her. I won wonder when she is coming this way. Do you mind calling her up to see that I miss hearing from her? Please do.

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Whiteway Colony, Stroud, Glos., England
April 11/36

My dear Emma,

Lilian & I We are very sorry to hear of Sasha's critical condition, having looked forward to a complete if not a rapid recovery. The many worries & anxieties of the past few years have evidently pulled down his power of resistance, but we hope his will to live will eventually enable him to get over the crisis.

I hope in a few days to send you some money for him & will then let you know how his account stands.

Thanks for the postal order for 15/8 & for parcel of returned literature.

Sasha's condition must be a great worry to you, but you must not allow you to endanger your own health, & prevent you being a comforter to him & to his sweetheart. Perhaps the air of Nice will get rid of your cough.

Jon Colyer, of the National Council of Labour Colleges, wrote & told me he had sent several friends to your meetings, & that his wife Amy was going to your Hammersmith meeting. When I go to London again we hope to meet & have a talk, & I will ask him to help in getting you some dates at N.C.L.C. branches.

So you met a good Communist in Wales! Well, it certainly was an experience for you, & not without a spice of humour.

Give my best & heartiest greetings to Sasha. I hope to hear better news about all of you soon.

Yours fraternally Thomas H. Keell

No warm weather here yet.

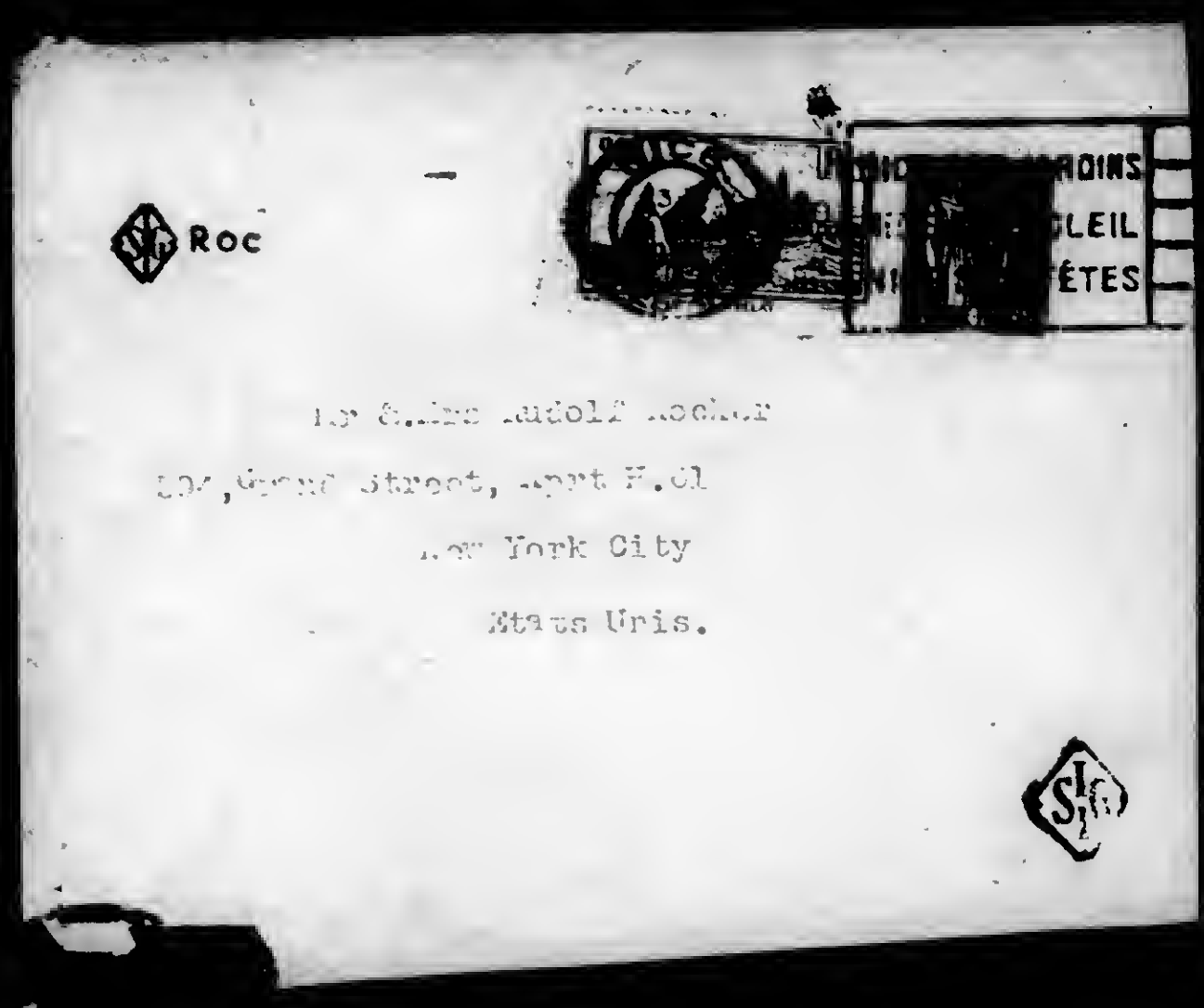
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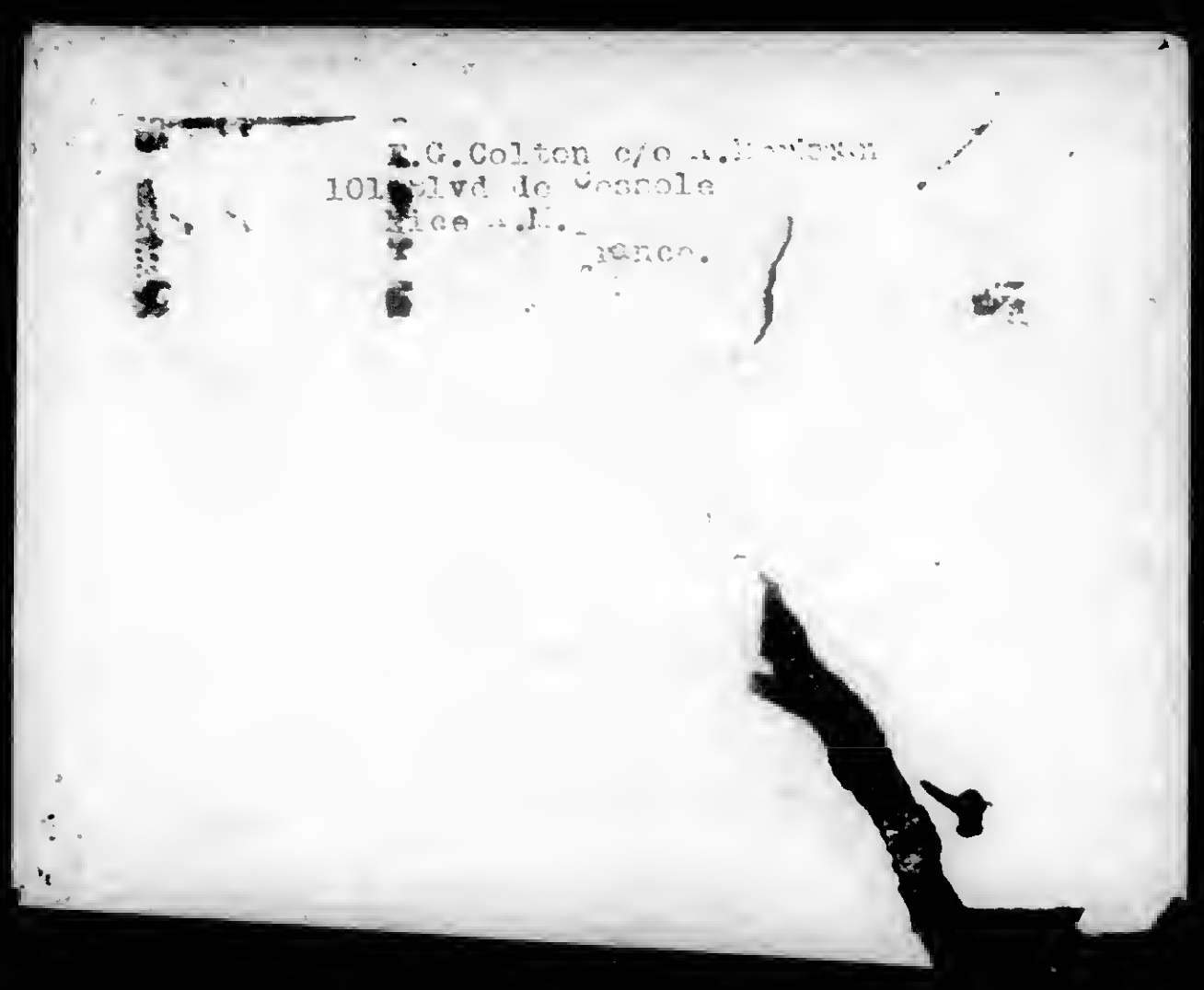
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My dearest Rudolf and Milly. I think it is the first time in our long and wonderful friendship that I have kept you waiting so long for a letter. You Rudolf my dear, will understand how very difficult it is to tear and yet keep up ones large correspondence. I used to be able to do it. But the struggle in England to get a hearing, especially when one suffers so much under the murderous English climate simply paralized my energies. It was by shere force of will that I kept going with the immidiate work at hand. So, if it is any consolation to you my dears I went you to know that most of my friends had to wait for months before I was in condition to write them or find the time for it. Since Sashas illness, two months ago, I was so distressed and worried I used every free moment to write him and Emmy. Not a day passed without my writing them. Can you imagine how I felt knowing how ill Sasha was and I tied hand and foot by dates and engagments I could not possibly break.?. It was just hell to continue when every nerve strained to rush to Nice.

You know our beloved Sashas tendency to secretive ness. Perhaps also because he wanted to spare me. Anyhow, one day two months ago I got the cheerful news that S. had undergone and operation and that he will need another. It came like a bolt from a clear sky because I left Sashas in pretty good condition when I departed for Paris in Nov. [illegible] had I known anything about the impending operation I should have returned to France because at that particular time I was without difinite dates. When the news came I was tied up with South Wales and Coventry. Had it been only a question of the few engagements I should have dropped them. For Sashas condition is entirely too precious to me to [illegible] permit anything to stand in the way. But it was not a question of the moment. It concerned my chances of returning to England. Anyhow, I could not break away. I suffered agony of anxiety. And only held out because our considered Sash wrote me every day that he was doing fine and there was no need for me to rush back. However, he agreed to wait with the second operation until my return. And Emmy who also needs an operation kept assuring me that she too will wait. Since E. has been an invalide all her life I knew her case was not so urgent. But I had no peace about S. I kept urging him to consult his surgeon whether it will aggravte his condition to wait. Finally Sasha did see his man. And what do you suppose happened. He ordered him under the knife immidiately, his prostate having grown so large as to make the second operation almost dangerous. On the very day when Kr he went on the operating table Sasha instructed Emmy to wire me that all was well and not to worry. It was on the day of my last lecture March 31st. Well, you can imagine that I took the first train out from England the moment I had straightned out my affairs. I reached here last Monday.

I found S. frightfully run down and very weak from high temperature he had been running for a week. I dashed off to his surgeon to his private office to have a serious talk with him. He assured me that the operati[illegible] been successful, that S. [illegible] and developed an ulcer

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I was told by a specilaist on prostate troubles that all the illness S. had suffered the last six years came from his prostate condition, the misery with his legs, his heart and all the other complaints. And that he should have been operated long ago. Who on earth should have knownt this. It is not more than a year that S. began to complain about the difficulties of urinating. And then he made light of it. You know how Sasha is, he waits until he can stand it no longer. Well, the consolation is that once he recovers from the second operation he may be much healthier and stronger. Thats was the case with Sebastian Faure some years ago. He is marvelously robust since his operation. It seems feasible. A deseased prostate poisons the whole system. Once all that is eliminated one feels like new. So the specialist assured me. I hope fervently this maybe the case with S. Then his suffering will not have been in vain.

As I said I feel encouraged since yesterday and I would feel more so if there were not poor Emmys pending operation. In our case it never rains but pours. Emmy was worse last winter than ever before. The unfortunate kid had to spend most of the day in bed and live on fluids, her agony was so great. Then when Sasha became so ill she had to look after him, run to the hospital and go through sickening anxiety because she was all alone without a single friend to turn to. The result was a complet collapse. She too, entered the hospital for observation. Well, after new Xrays, about the [redacted] since I know her it was found that the point of her stomach was pressing on the intestines and was causing all her suffering. In other words, Emmy will have to go under the knife. If only it could be done at once she'd get over her panic. But it is impossible until I have S. out of the hospital. He is not in condition now to fret about Emmy which he naturally would would if she too were laid up. And then we I could not give the two of them the care they need. So [redacted] until Sasha is stronger and at home. [redacted] funds fail

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My dearest Rudolf and Milly. I think it is the first time in our long and wonderful friendship that I have kept you waiting so long for a letter. You Rudolf, my dear, will understand how very difficult it is to tour and yet keep up ones large correspondence. I used to be able to do it. But the struggle in England to get a hearing, especially when one suffers so much under the murderous English climate simply paralized my energies. It was by sheer force of will that I kept going with the immediate work at hand. So, if it is any consolation to you, my dears, I want you to know that most of my friends had to wait for months before I was in condition to write them or find the time for it. Since Sashas illness two months ago I was so distressed and worried I used every free moment to write him and Emmy. Not a day passed without my writing them. Can you imagine how I felt knowing how ill Sasha was and I tied hand and foot by dates and engagments I could not possibly break.?. It was just hell to continue when every nerve strained to rush to Nice.

You know our beloved Sashas tendency to secretiveness. Perhaps also because he wanted to spare me. Anyhow, one day two months ago I got the cheerful news that S. had undergone and operation and that he will need another. It came like a bolt from a clear sky because I left Sashas in pretty good condition when I departed for Paris in Nov. ~~[illegible]~~ had I known anything about the impending operation I should have returned to France because at that particular time I was without difinite dates. When the news came I was tied up with South Wales and Coventry. And it been only a question of the few engagements I should have dropped them. For Sashas condition is entirely too precious to me to ~~[illegible]~~ permit anything to stand in the way. But it was not a question of the moment. It concerned my chances of returning to England. Anyhow, I could not break away. I suffered agony of anxiety. And only held out because our considerate Sash wrote me every day that he was doing fine and there was no need for me to rush back. However, he agreed to wait with the second operation until my return. And Emmy who also needs an operation kept assuring me that she too will wait. Since E. had been an invalide all her life I knew her case was not so urgent. But I had no peace about S. I kept urging him to consult his surgeon whether it will aggravte his condition to wait. Finally Sasha did see his man. And what do you suppose happened. He ordered him under the knife imidiately-his prostate having grown so large as to make the second operation almost dangerous. On the very day when Ex he went on the operating table Sasha instructed Emmy to wire me that all was well and not to worry. It was on the day of my last lecture March 31st. Well, you can imagine that I took the first train out from England the moment I had straightned out my affairs. I reached here last Monday.

I found S. frightfully run down and very weak from high temperature he had been running for a week. I dashed off to his surgeon to his private office to have a serious talk with him. He assured me that the operation ~~[illegible]~~ had been successful.

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I was told by a specialist on prostate troubles that all the illness S. had suffered the last six years came from his prostate condition, the misery with his legs, his heart and all the other complaints. And that he should have been operated long ago. Who on earth should have known it his . It is not more than a year that S. began to complain about the difficulties of urinating. And then he made light of it. You know how Sasha is, he waits until he can stand it no longer. Well, the consolation is that once he recovers from the second operation he may be much healthier and stronger. Thats was the case with Sebastian Faure some years ago. He is marvelously robust since his operation. It seems feasible. A deranged pecntate poisons the whole system. Once all that is eliminated one feels like new. So the specialist assured me. I hope fervently this maybe the case with S. That his suffering will not have been in vain.

As I said I feel encouraged since yesterday and I would feel more so if there were not poor Emmys pending operation. In our case it never rains but pours. Emmy was worse last winter than ever before. The unfortunate kid had to spend most of the day in bed and live on [illegible], her agony was so great. Then when Sasha became so ill she had to look after him, run to the hospital and go through sickening anxiety because she was all alone without a single friend to turn to. The result was a complete collapse. She too entered the hospital for observation. Well, after new X-rays, about the tenth since I know her, it was found that the point of her stomach was pressing on the intestines and was causing all her suffering. In other words, Emmy will have to go under the knife. If only it could be done at once she'd get over her panic. But it is impossible until I have S. out of the hospital. He is not in condition now to fret about E, which he naturally would if she too were laid up. And then too I could not give the two of them the care they need. So Emmy must wait until Sasha is stronger and at home. Anyhow you can see that I have my hands ful

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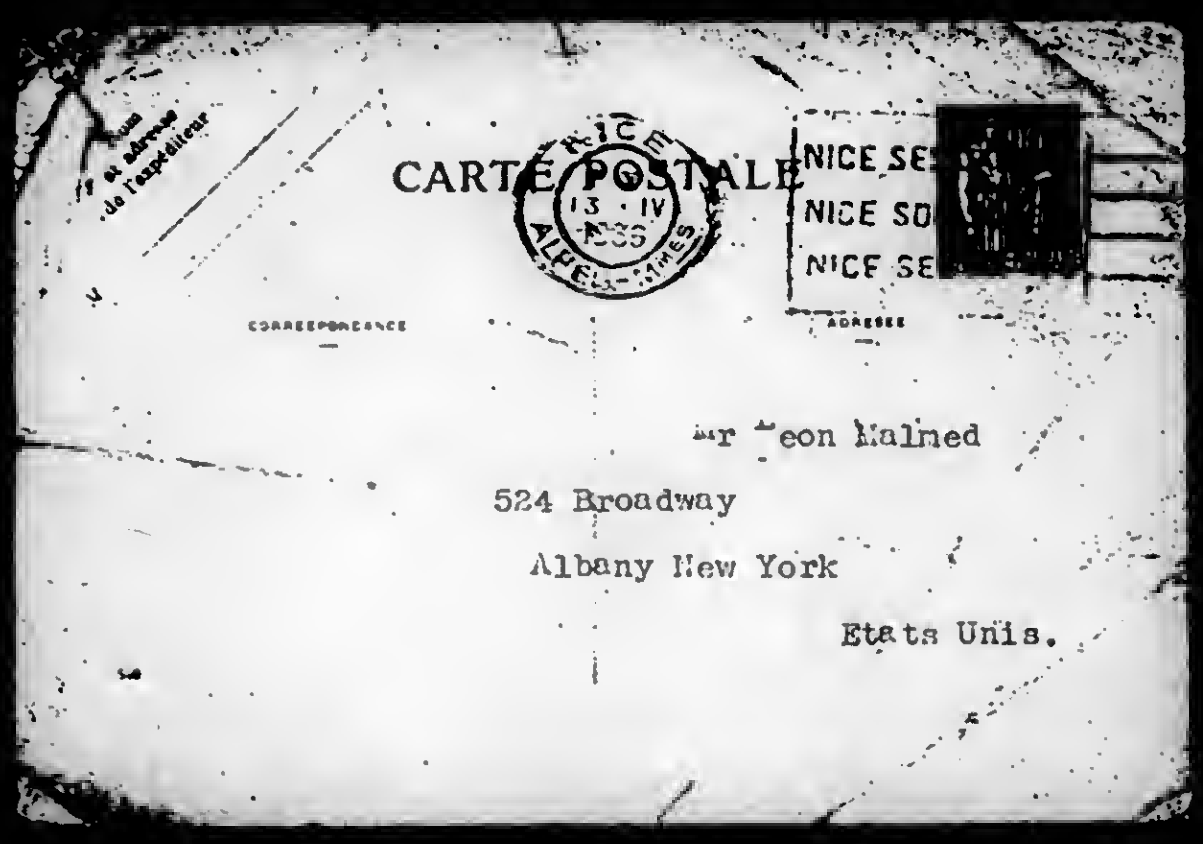
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My dear Emma,

Here I am again, at work, "toeing-the-line". If only you toed the line and looked in the OBSERVER you would have observed (no pun intended) a page of REYNOLDS with your own sweet face thereon. However I am prepared to compensate you for your carelessness by sending you, in due course, a dozen or so as per your instruction. Beryl (one L. please) I am sure, will be delighted to do the cutting. Incidentally, whilst I have no objection to be chastised by you, I positively refuse to be cut up and moulded into someone else. "Maisha" I grant you is a beautiful name; I love it and all it stands for but Shlaime is my name right from birth and I am sticking to it. Now don't start telling me that the historical Shlaime had more than one woman. It was probably due to the fact that he did not have an Emma. Had he been so fortunate he would have been a wiser and better man.....

Of course "Auntie" misses you, as much as, as you probably know by now, she will soon join you out there in France. "Auntie", bless her big heart, thinks the world of you; you are just IT in her estimation. She exalts you sky high and to do justice to her praises of you I would have to fill several sheets..... and, Emma dear, I am so snowed up with work! No for me, I don't give you a thought - why should I? All the same I would give you a hell of a hug if you were right here, notwithstanding the fact that it is in the office.

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The weather over the holidays was beastly. Up on the hills in Wales snow fell heavily — of course it would do, I was there — and when it wasn't snowing it was raining cats and dogs. Still it was a change, and we more than once felt that you would have enjoyed it were you with us.

I have not yet had a chance to unpack the parcels you left with us. I will do so soon and sort everything out in apple-pie order.

Please, Emma, be a darling and do not keep on at me about Berkman. I can assure you I feel very sympathetic about his well-fare and I would be pleased to hear that he is making rapid strides to good health. Somehow, I don't know why, I imagined a beautiful picture, a delightful scene that would have afforded me sublime pleasure. In reality it is an ordinary picture as an ordinary canvass — quite good for ordinary human beings in this very ordinary world of ours. ... Come back all I said. I like the picture immensely: it shows you up in your true colours. You are lovely and I love you

— Shloime

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9504 Joseph Campau Ave.

Detroit, Mich. April 15 1936

Dear comrade Emma,

Your letter from London I received and I neglected to answer sooner, for various reasons. However, "better late than never". In regard to the "memoirs", I expected to rell in the meantime, 10 or 15 copies from the shipment for Toronto. However, it would be better if they could receive them direct, as I can get a few copies from New York.

Reading the other material in regard to your stay in London, also in regard to Sasha's illness, left a terrible impression on me. I hope, though, that Sasha has fully recovered his health by now. You do not know, how much love and admiration I have for this great idealist of our day. I hope he regains his health, and lives at least another 30 years. Inclosed you will find a draft for $10.00. A small contribution towards Berkman's fund.

Fraternally always yours,

A. Zubrin

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Nice April 16th 36.

My dear Fanny.

I feel very guilty not to have replied to your letter of Jan 9th. Fact is,before I left England I dictated a lot of letters to a friend of mine,you were among my correspondents whom I wanted to rwach before I came here. Of course the friend took all the letter,and a statement about my doings stenographic ally. She promised faithfully to transcribe the notes quickly and send me the letters. So far they have not arrived. Your letter of the lst instance decided me not to wait any longer. So here I am writing you,and a few other friends.

The inclosed copy of a letter I wrote to a friend in the States will give you an idea of my last weeks in England and the situation I found here on my arrival. It was sheer tor ture to finish up my last dates knowing how very ill my old, co-worker and friend Alexander Berkman was. Yet there was no breakinng away. Fortunately,he is so much better. I feel a load off my heart. For I should never have forgiven myself had anything fatal happened to him while I was away. With all the hardships ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ in our lives some kind star seems to be watching over us. However, I will not feel quite at ease until my old chum is out of the hos pital and in St Tropez with me. There he will surely get back his old strength and vitality.

My dear,what an idea to compare my case with Angelica Balabanoff's. In the first place she is a socialist,hence believes in government. The very thing I do not. Secondly she has not been deported from the U.S. ~~xxxxx~~ Thirdly she does not come under the anti Anarchist law on the Federal statute. Naturally there could be

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no difficulties in the way of Angelicas entry into the U.S. In my case there are insurmountable difficulties because I cedtainly do not intend to deny my Anarchism. And that is the crux of the situation. In any event I do not want anything done to bring me back to America. It would be useleass this year, since it is the year of elections. And now that I have difinitely decided to go back to England to settle there it would be foolish to start anything in A. besides being futile. Yes, dear Fanny, I am going back to England. Not that I can boast of great achievements or that I expect the impossible when I will live there. But it is certain that I have already accomplished more during my recent visit in England than I have in Canada.

There is no use closing my eyes to my chances in Canada. Actually, I have reached only the Jews, and very few of them at that. This is paeticularly true of Toronto. I reached a few more Gentiles in Montreal, and more of the middle class of Jews. Besides, Canada for a long time would mean only two cities. For I havenot the means or the necessary cooperation to cover the rest of Canada. So, even if anything substantial had come of the E.C. fund it would hardly have been worth while to make the long and costly voyage. More important still is the fact that I cannot go away too far from Berkman. Imagine if I had been in C. now when he is so ill. Frankly, I could not have endured the anxiety.

Last but not leat is the fact that England is after a all Europe. It offers greater cultural opportunities than Canada. And I need that as a desert wanderer needswater. No one, not even the richest intellectually can give out all the time unless they can replenish their mental stores. England offers that opportunity. Thus I saw more plays and heard more music in five months

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in London than I did in 18 month in either Toronto or Montreal. Not to speak of the scores of interesting people I met. However, that is not the reason for my going back to England though it is a contributory factor. The most vital reason is that I have made a small dent which I maybe able to enlarge if I settle in England for systmathic lecture work. And that/ what I intend to do next autumn. Wish me luck my dear.

Needless to say I feel sad that I will not see the few dear friends I have made in Canada among whom you have proven to be so sweet and staunch. But it cannot be hleped. One must go where one can hope to do the best work.

I was delighted with the news that my very dear angelica has been in Toronto.Or will be when this reaches you. She is one of the very last great idealists left in this rotten world and so gifted in languages, as a poet,in fact in every way. and over and above is her great loving heart. I do hope hor meetings were well attended. It took time to get her to decide to go to A. I will be so happy if her tour is crowned with success. She is in indeed, a rare spirit. She suffers deeply under two disappointment— her pupil Mussolinin and the Communist Party in Russia to which she had belonged. That is her great tragedy.

I am delighted to know that the people in Toronto, or at least some of them have become politically aware, that they are begining to see behind the crooked scene of government. It is high time. For the sotrm brewing in Europe will engulf the rest of the world . Canada can not hope to escape. And those who continue blind among the blind will have but themselves to blame for their childish complacency.

Yes, of course I hear from Dorothy often. By the way I had some

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copies of Bermans Memoirs sent to your address. They were intend
ed for the Libertarian group. No doubt Dorothy has already collected
them. I hope they caused you no annoyance.

Best greetings to Mr Barrett. Love to you and
the children.

Emma

You will see that I remain here until the 15th of May. I hope by
that time it will be possible to move A.B. to St Trópez. Write me
when the spirit moves you my deer. I am always glad to hear from
you.

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Nice April 16 /36.

Dear Comrade.

Your letter of the sixth was forwarded to me here. Owing to the serious illness of my old friend and co fighter, Alexander Berkman in a Hospital here I had tl leave England sooner than I had anticipated. Since my arrival I have spent most of my time near comrade Berkman of who you have peobably heard through Tom Keell.

I was very sorry you were unable to attend my last lecture. I should have been delighted to know you and your wife. But of course you could not leave you sick child. I do hope this will reach you when your daughter has recovered.

Yes, the Conway meeting was very fine. I am glad to say the size and the quality of the audience disproved the contention of some of my friends in London that English ; people do not attend lecture,much less pay admission. It maybe true of the middle class.But I found in the provinces especially that the workers do attend lectures. And the Conway Hall gathering demonstrated that the intelligentsia also come if they are made aware of the event. This was most encourging,I must say.

Friends of mine are very eager to bring me back to England to settle there. I am therefore preparing to retun in the autumn for an extensive tour and also tolive in London. I admit I found the climate very difficult to bear. But after all so many millions stand it. Why not I?

The latter part of last month I lectured in three

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South Wales Labor Colleges.In Aberdare, Mountain Ash and Ystradyngelais. It was comrade A.L.Williams of Cardiff whose guest I was who had organised these meetings. I have evidently given satisfaction because comrade Williams will most likely secure more bookings for me for the season of 36 37. There seems to be forty Labor Colleges in South Wales alone.

If I understood comrade Keell correctly you are connected with the Labor Colleges in London. I wonder would you care to avail yourself of my return to England for your organisations? Perhaps you would be good enough to let ~~xxxxxxx~~ comrade Barr of 106,Coningham Rd W.12 have a list of the secretaries of the N.C.L.C in the North. Comrade Williams told me nearly every town has a secretary. Comrade R. Barr acts as the Hon. Sect. of my forthcoming tour and any suggestion you care to make that would help me to reach the N.C.L.C. I would greatly appreciate. You can waither write me or comrade Barr.

Fraternally.

My address until the middle of May is c/o M.A.Berkman

101, Blvd de Cessole Nice A.M. France.

after that it will be Bon Esprit,Chemin St Antoine.St Tropez Var, France.

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Nice April 16th 36.

Dear Miss Tutt.

As you see I am already in the South of France. I will remain in Nice until the middle of May. Then go to St Tropez Var for the whole summer. In the autumn I am returning to England to settle there and also for a more extensive lecture tour.

Mr R.Barr of 106 Coningham Rd.W.12 has remained in charge of my dates. If you wish you can get in touch with him. Or you can write me. I do not know whether I have already explained that I am obliged to earn my livelyhood through my lectures and by my pen. So it will not be easy for me to lecture for any organization without some kind of a fee. But if it can be arranged to fit in some free date from my bookings I will be delighted to let you have it free. Mr Barr will know about my dates as they are being booked by various societies in and out side of London. And he will keep you informed.

Yours sincerely.

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C O P Y

Nice, April 14th, 3

Dear Comrade:

I received your letter of Jan. 3rd. I have been waiting since for your promised long letter. I suppose you were too busy to write. I too have been occupied as you will see by the inclosed second statement I have sent to a number of friends. Since then I covered considerable ground in England. In fact, I have dictated and third and final statement to a friend in London before I left. I am now waiting for copies of the transcribed stenographic notes. I wish I had them because it would save repeating the account of what had transpired since March 11th. However, I will come back to that.

First about the reasons of my being in Nice so much sooner than I had contemplated. My dear old chum and comrade Alexander Berkman has been seriously ill for two months. He underwent one operation and did not write me about it until it was all over. This was just like my considerate friend who knowing my struggle in England wanted to spare me anxiety. He did write that he would have to submit to a second operation. But that he would wait until my return to Nice. Unfortunately his condition grew worse, and the surgeon insisted that he must go under the knife again., So, three weeks ago comrade Berkman underwent a second operation. And again he wrote, or rather had his friend write me about it. I need not tell you my anxiety from the time of the first to the second period. But those who dedicate themselves to an ideal hardly ever can go where they long most to be. I was tied up with dates I could not break and so had to hang on to the last though my thoughts were with our sick comrade. Well, I left England the fourth and got here the sixth. I found comrade Berkman frightfully run down. He had been running a high temperature for ten days after the operation. Fortunately, it broke at last, a week ago. And, I am overjoyed to be able to let you know that our comrade has been improving ever since. I saw him today and found him looking and feeling a new born human being. But of course, it will take weeks before he can be moved from the hospital. And then some more weeks before he will be strong enough to go with me to our little place in St. Tropez.

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However, the world is in such a mess it seems childish to make plans months in advance. You will understand I know that my plans are provisional. Barring a relapse of comrade Berkmans' condition there is nothing to hold me in France. Not even a war. Because then more than in so called peace time I will go back to England to do anti-war work. Please do not think I am childish enough to think I could hold back one single ripple of the sea of blood and tears a war would imply. It is the old, old story, whom the gods wish to destroy they first strike mad. The so-called statesmen in Europe are performing a St. Vitus dance and trying hard to pull the whole world along in their frantic whirl of their dance of death. Yet it were so easy to stop these maniacs if only the masses would be not so dumb, so confused, so easily led to slaughter. More reasons for the few who still have their senses

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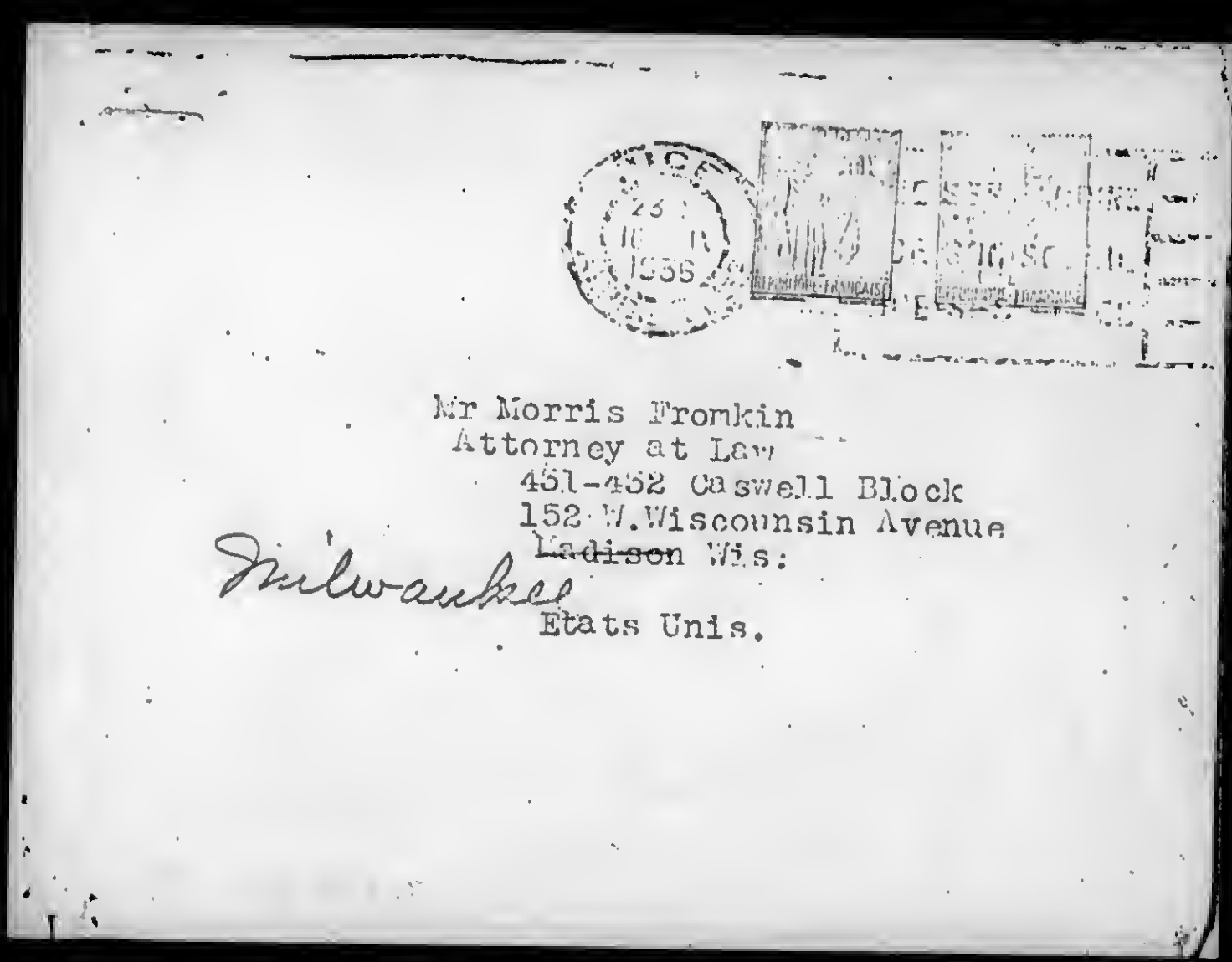
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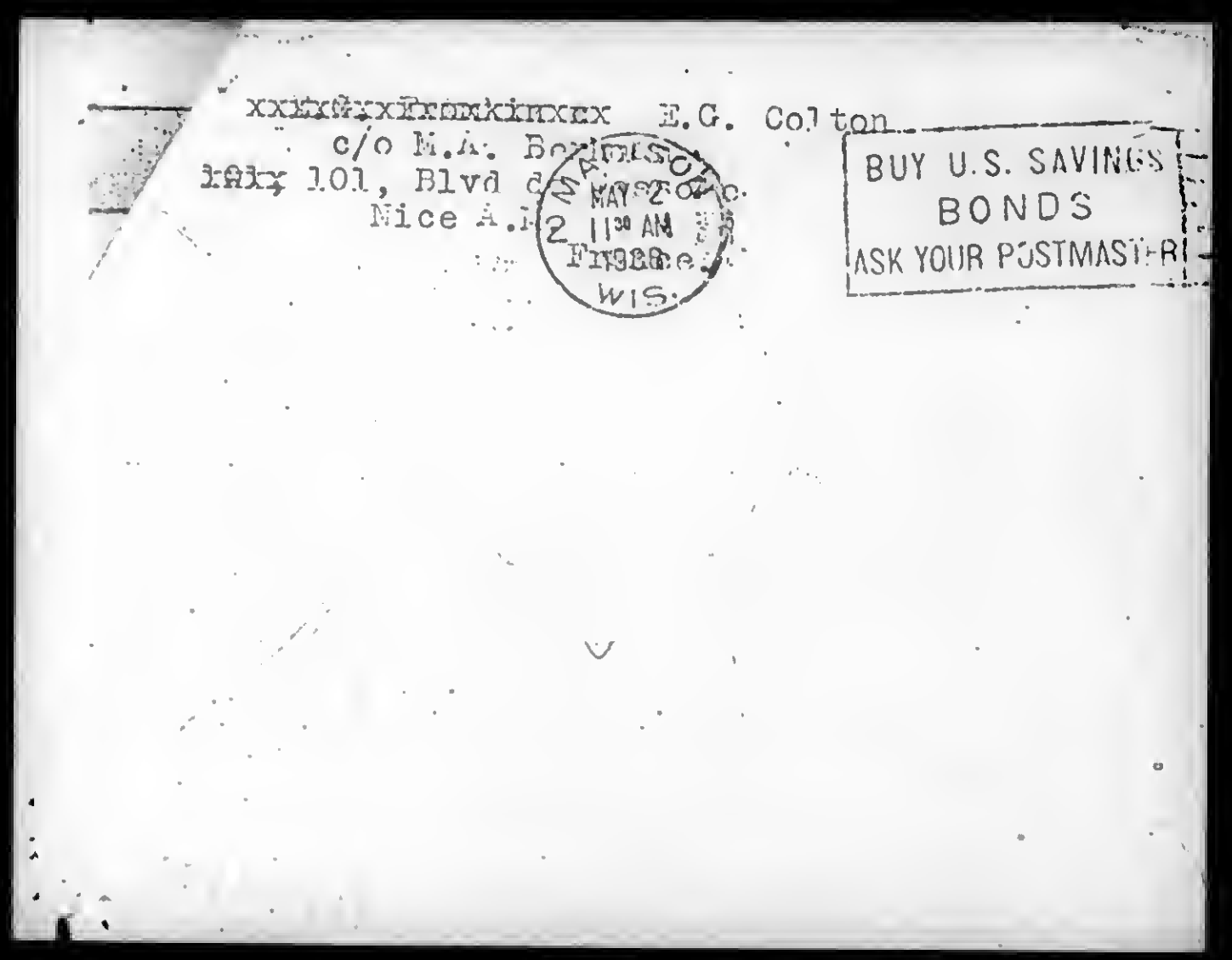
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Nice April 17thhm 36 4228

Dear Mr Daniel.

I hope you have returned from your cruise feeling much better and stronger than you were during the horrible winter weahther. In my case there is no rest for the wicked. After five months of London weather and the struggle to get a hearing I am now busy nursing my old comrade. He had a rather trying time after his second operation. High temprature for ten days owing to some complecation that had developed two days after the operation. But I am glad to be able to let you know that he is doing very nicely now. In fact he seems to improving every day. He is still very much run down and weak.But he is getting some nourishment and he is gaining streggth. That is a comfort. I feel sure once I can bring him to his flat he will grow stronger much quicker. Also it will not be such a strain to go to the hospital every day.

Berkamns companion has been feeling unusually well since my arrival. She insists it is my presence that has helped her,my vitality,she will have it. If she continues to impr ove there will be no operation. But in as much as she has had such stranga periods before,complete relief from pain and then fierce attacks I am not very sanguine she will be saved the repe tiom this time. However, we must have A.B. in fit condition.Then we will see.

Dear Mr Daniel,when Tomm Keell was negotiating the purchase of the Memoirs he wrote me that you wre willing to let me have the plates. It just happens that friends of ours in the States connected with the Jewish trade unions are planning a

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new edition of the Memoirs to be sold among their members for a sustaining fund for A.B's convalescence. We will need to rest at least for a year not only because of the two operations which were both very grave.But also because he had been ailing for several years owing, as it now developes to his prostate condition. That depleted his vitality. Anyhow our friends want very much to create a fund and the Memoirs are the best method. It will relieve both Berkman and me from the feeling of dependence.

Will you therefore kindly release the plates and have them shipped collect to Mr Philip Kapp Joint Board of the Dress and Wastmakers Union I.L.G.W.U. 218 -232 West 40th Street New York City. The cost of packing the plates I will pay from here when I know how much it is. Perhaps it will be bes to let Pitt and Scott ship the plates. They can be sent collect and if possible insured.

I believe members of your Staff have attended the Conway Hall affair. It was remarcable in a way. True, Mr Sutton sold £14 worth of tickets alone by himself. Still it was a great surpise to find that English men and women do attend lectures and even pay admission. The recipts altogether were £25 if the event is fairly advertised. This certainly disproves to contention of my friend Rebecca West and several others about free lance lectures. I felt very much encouraged indeed.

Sutton is invaluable,he is evidently deeply interested in my "frotunes",most eager to bring me back and a most efficient worker. But you know the saying about the one swallow who makes no summer. Sutton will need cooperation. I hope you will see him again and give him whatever assistance you can. I really want to come back to England and make my "home" there as far as I

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can ever hope to have a home. Oh,yes a correspondent of Reynolds attened the Conway Hall meeting. Judging by his write up in Reynolds Sunday April 5th he must have been very much impressed. He offered to get us the list of secretaries of the educational dept of the Cooperatvie Societies. That is a begining. And I also have been assured of the South Wales N.C.L.C..of which there are forty And we may also get the list of sect. ~~inx~~ all through England. The colleges are of course religiously Marxian.But there seems to be a more tolerant spirit among the young folks than before. Would you believe it,dear Mr Daniel in Ystradynglais the chairman was a Communist and he was also my host. He was very decent indeed. I assured him if more of his comrades were like he I could work with them. And so I mean to come back to my new country and settle in London. That will give me a chance to play hostess to you dear friend.

Until May 15th I am sure to be here,my address is c/o A.Berkman 101, Blvd de Cessole Nice A.M. After that Bon Esprit St Tropez Var.

Please remember me to your Staff.They have all been most kind.

Cordially.

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E. Goldman

[redacted] 13948
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My Dear Schweeter:-

A lot of time has elapsed since I wrote you last, but then it is never too late. Maishe is still the same tardy person when it comes to writing letters, and as I warned you previously, that I have acquired the bad habits, of my epouse, to the point of exasperation. Why do I say that? Well' because there are so many letters, that I should write and I keep procrastinating and time passes before I know it. Am I forgiven?

Now that the explanations are over with, I would like you to know that we all have weathered the past Winter, without any serious complications. At least Moey has been fairly comfortable. There are times that he does not feel up to par, but then I am truly grateful for each day that passes smoothly, I just sit back and rejoice quietly to myself, just in case there might be some unforseen something to take away my happiness. Knock wood. He always looks fine but there is so much deception. Sometime ago, in one of your letters, you cautioned me to always take my happiness as it came. So I have followed that up to the last letter, and I find, that it works out pretty well.

A couple of weeks ago, I happened to be reading one of the New York papers, and what to my amazement, I discovered I was looking at the picture of a beautiful girl---I looked again, searchingly', I knew that I had seen that face before. Guess? It was Eva Langbord's picture----so I played hooky, and looked up the matinees for that week, only too find that there was to be one the very next day. So I packed my little self on to the Long Island train and arrived there, in time for the Matinee. Eva played the leading role, on account of the illness of the other lady---She was grand. I wish you could have seen it. The name of the play is "Winterset" and it was written by Maxwell Anderson, [illegible]

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by Guthrie McClintic. At p[illegible] that it has received the Critics award, which wil[illegible] Broadway stem. You would like it, it is about the Sacco Vanzetti case[illegible] things that Eva said was "Wouldnt E[illegible] Like to know that I am playing a part that has such a great meaning to me?" One would hardly realize that here was this slip of a girl, doing real serious drama, with the skill of any Katherine Cornell---not that I am partial in my judgement, but I know that Eva will get there and do something really worthwhile someday. Not that this was not worthwhile, it was unfortunate that there was another person as a leading lady, who played it with less feeling while Eva had been brought up with such contacts most of her life and could do it so sympathetically. So do not be surprised, if that young lady walks off with great glory some day, and it will be different from the others, because she is working so very, very hard and thinks before she steps. After she left New York the show played in Boston, and she went there with a heavy heart. Sure enough, I received a letter from her saying she "hated the damned town". Possibly old prejudices, and justly so. Now she is in Philadelphia and from there will proceed to Washing ton. On account of the floods in other parts of America, she claims that their bookings are all topsy turvy, but not more so than the poor unfortunate people who were washed out of house and home, without a thing to wear and food for their mouths----a sad plight. As if their plights were not bad enough before, with unemployment etc etc.

As you have already learned, that Moey and I lost a very dear soul, in the person of Amy Davidoff. Bess allowed us to read your letter of Sympathy to her. Such a loss, affected Moey, and continues to make him very depressed, for he loved her dearly. The parents are suffering untold agonies, there is no need for describing it in detail. Why in Heavens name, must a beautiful kid like that, have such an ugly germ in her system, that was waiting for all of these years, ready to snap out her life when it was beginning to bloom so beautifully. We continue to question these things, the more we do, the deeper we get into [illegible], that remain unrevealed. I was with

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anything that was to be

[illegible] that she was not always successful. Poor child she does

Alrady Scholem!. At the time I met Ida Diamond, and I think she is one

it was unfortunate however, that the meeting had to comeabout at that particular

The fates seemed to arrange it that way, so that way it was. We are very good fri

She opened her heart to me , and I opened mine real wide for her.

About Allen, he has enjoyed the bestof health all during the Winter---and it was a hard one at that, but the only thing that ever ailed him, happened to be a [illegible] nose---otherwise not a bit of trouble. He is growing so tall and now wears a six and shoe. Ken ein Horrah. He is a great boy, and he teases his uncle and they get along fine. I now have two children to pick up after---and I get a big kick out of it. We hear from his mother weekly and things are not so well with her, phyeically, nor mentally. Physically, because she is blessed with an enormous appetite, that raises havoc with her bloodpressure. Mentally, because the Willsea works have more than failed---without paying a red cent of the money that Herman slaved for, or invested. Such is Capitalism' and the many loose ends that continue to make once existence miserable. Otherwise everything is normal. She still keeps up the same house and rents it out to some people, in order to make a few pennies. Allen has not seen his mother since last September. but after School, I plan that he will return for the Summer months for his vacation. I want to do the right thing. She feels happy to know that he has been kept in the best of health---[illegible] The very same thing could have been done at home all [illegible] years if she had just taken the care of him that I did. But then that is [illegible] The am I to sit judgement?. It is merely a conclusion of mine. On [illegible] cann tell? Sufficient unto the day thereof.

You will find inclosed, in this letter, a little [illegible]

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versity——for you have be[illegible]ainted
life. Bei gezundt and do let us hear from you, w[illegible]
letter's to us promptly.

Love from all of us, even from our Prinsie---do not worry, he does know that you do not care particularly for dogs, at the same time, he is wise enough to know that you are tolerant enough to accept his love and good wishes. As he is sitting close by, wagging his beautiful blonde tail, with a glossy black [illegible] that hides around the tip of it. He usually catches them alive, after he noses them out to an open surface. He received a generous supply from our neighbors cat——, a small souvenir------for they are very friendly.

Affectionately,

From our house to yours,

Babsie

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Madrid, le 17 avril 1936.

A
Emma Goldman
American Express
M.L.A(N.A.).-France

Chère camarade:

Quelques anarchistes espagnoles sommes en train de réaliser une idée interessante:la publication d'une revue intitulée "MUJERES LIBRES" - "Femmes Libres" -,avec une finalité de captation près de la femme,de l'interesser dans des thèmes et situations auquels elle n'a pas pensé jusqu'à présent,ou elle l'a fait sans une orientation propre.

Notre propos est d'éveiller la conscience féminine vers des idées libertaires,dont l'immense plus part des femmes espagnoles - très retardées sociale et culturelement - n'ont pas la plus legère connaissance.

Nous prions ta collaboration - que,ça va sans dire,notre pécule ne nous permetra pas retribuer - avec le thème libre et une extension de cinq à six feuilles dactylographiées et sur l'espace normal,c'est à dire,à deux espaces.

Nous esperons que tu verras bien notre petition pour les femmes espagnoles,puisque personne n'a,jusqu'à présent,montré aucun intéret noble dans nos organitations.

Nous t'envoyons notre salutation la plus cordiale.

Par la redaction,

M. Comaposada

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Madrid,17 de abril de 1936.

A
Emma Goldman .

Querida camarada:
Varias anarquistas españolas vamos a poner en práctica una idea interesante:la publicación de una revista mensual titulada "MUJERES LIBRES",con un fin de captación cerca de la mujer,interesándola por temas y situaciones en que,hasta ahora,o no pensó o lo hizo sin orientación propia.Intentamos despertar la conciencia femenina hacia ideas libertarias,de las cuales la inmensa mayoría de las mujeres españolas - muy atrasadas social y culturalmente - no tienen el menor conocimiento.

Rogamos tu colaboración - que nuestra penuria no nos permitirá retribuir - con tema libre y una extensión de cinco a seis cuartillas escritas a máquina y al espacio normal,es decir,a doble espacio.

Confiadas en que no desatenderás nuestra petición en bien de las mujeres españolas,por cuya educación nadie se interesó hasta ahora en nuestras organizaciones,te enviamos un saludo cordial.

Por la redacción,

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Nell, my Dearest. What must you have been thinking about me that I failed to keep my promise to write you a letter all your own.? Believe me my dear I have not forgotten. But I have been in great distress over Sashas condition. First was the madness of the last week in London, Then the condition I found here. Sasha dreadfully run down and in high fever. You see, Sasha was always very cons iderate when I was on tour. He always tried to save me extra anxiety. This time he instructed Emmy to write me there was no danger and all was along along in the best way. Of course that was not the case. So while I appreciated Sashas considerationr I was more shocked from what I found than I would have been had I known the truth. Anyhow for ten days I was in despair about Sasha. But the last few days his condition took a turn for the better. The temperature droppped though not yet entirely to Normal. And he has begun to take nourishment. That will be the main thing to build up Sashas depleted vitality. That will come slowly. For the present he must keep in bed and very quiet. Perhaps next week he will be permitted to sit up in a chair for a few hours a day. And in two weeks we may have him in his flat. That would be wonderful. You may imagine I feel a weight off my heart.

Emmy has improved since my arrival. In fact she has no pain whatever and now speaks of not undergoing an operation. If only her present condition would hold out. I dare not hope too much. But whatever will happen as long as Sasha and E. need me here I will not go to St Tropez. I do need a rest after the dread ful struggle of five months to get a hearing in England. But first

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come my two invalides. When they are improved I will of course go to Bon Esprit. I long for it very much indeed.

Now about you and Tom, dearest Nell it is really presumptious for a third person to mix in or give advice. I should never dare if I did not know that you know my love for you and Tom and my deep abiding friendship. It is for this reason that I long so much to help you. I understand only too well that love is more powerful than reason though I think that your feeling for the other man is probably more passion than love. And sex is a dominant factor which the strongest have not been able to withstand. Nor should they be expected to do so. But there is a way of following a powerful sex urge without causing too much pain to the man whom we have loved for years. I know this from my wide experience.

This is what I mean; first of all you and Tom should have at least separate rooms and seperate interests at the same time guarding your common life that had been so sweet and congenial for more than ten years. Naturally you can not help the physical coolness that has arisen between you and Tom. The more reason not to be in such close proximity that must be sheer torture to Tom and disagreable to you. But on the other hand, I mean if you still have love in your heart for Tom, or at least deep friendship you should arrange to give him a bit more of your time than you have so far. Yes, I know the other man is jealous. Thats I cannot see his right to it when he still continues his life with his family. But granted his jealoucy you will find it a grievious mistake to let him posses every free moment of yours

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time. If you will continue to submit you will grow to hate the new reàtionship . After all, Tom never stooped to such methods of prying into every detail of your actions. Did he? You are therefore not used to give an account of yourself and everything you do. I feel certain ultimately it will come to jar you. So it is for the sake of the new passion that has come to you that you must retain your selfrespect and your independence.

And, if you really continue to care for Tom as your friend you should give him a little time, spend some evening with him, go out for abit. Show him in a tactful way that whatever happens you cherish his comraderie and his friendship. I am sure that would help Tom tremendiously to find himshèf and to a large and generous attitude towards the feeling you have for the other man. I know darling it will be difficult. But also I know it can be done.

Of/cpurse the best and most sensible way is the one we talked about, a temporary seperation and alkxxx aloofness from both men. If only that could be done. It would give you a chance to find yourself and to test your feelings towards Tom and the other. I don't mean separation by means of seperate living quatess. That might be alright in a large city. But it will be futile in Bristol. Besides, how long would you be tolerated in any flat with two men calling on you? British puritanism would never stand for that. Well, since you can not get away to another city you must make the best of a different arrangement. Namely have your own room and Tom his where you are now. Arrx Arrange to give Tom some of your time and consideration. Gradually things will change and you and Tom establish a tie much more precious

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and lasting than physical attraction. Besides,you may find one day that your present infatuation maybe fleeting, It is therefore very important not to destroy what has been so fine and foundam ental between you and Tom.

Dearest Nell, please,please forgive me if I am tak ing too much liberty,or am invading your innermost feelings. Noth ing is further away from my thoughts. The only reason for my suggestions are my love for you and Tom. And my keen desire to help you both.

I wonder have you found a place for your parents an and Toms mother, I know that must be an additional irritant between you and Tom. I hope that at least has been satisfactorily arranged.

With much love to you Nell darling and my heart felt wishes for your happyness and peace of mind.

Devotedly.

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Darling Jeanne. This will not leave Nice until Monday in time to reach the Normandie that leaves La Havre next Wed. But I have a free evening so I want to begin the letter to night. Dearest I am writing you for Sasha and myself. Emmy is waiting for the receipt of the $50 you sent so as to be able to acknowledge it.

My dear,my dear we had two terribly anxious weeks I found Sasha frightfully run down with a high temperature that kept up for ten days. His condition looked very grave and hopeless. He had lost much blood during the second operation and for days he had been in agonizing pain. You can imagine how I worried and fretted. It was just like Sasha to try to spare me his real condition because he knew my struggle in England was no bed of roses. He kept on writing he was getting along nicely and Emmy too could wait with her operation. When I finally insisted he must consult his surgeon about the second operation the man found his condition aggravated and ordered him on the operating table at once. It was highest time. The long wait made his condition so much more dangerous. I learned the truth only when I came here two weeks ago.

However, I can now assure you dearest that Sasha is out of danger. The process of recovery is going to be very slow. But he is making headway, a little every day. I saw him yesterday and Emmy to day. And we went away with a song in our heart because our own Sasha was gaining some steength . I have begun to feed hip up a bit, very small portions of things. And would you believve it Sasha is developing an appetite. Oh, it is such a great relief But as I said it will take time,more than I care to admit.

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He had to lie flat on his back. He was permitted to sit up only a few days ago. It will take a week or more before he will be permitted to sit up in a chair and move about a little. Then another week,or maybe two before he will have strength enough to be taken to his place in Nice. As to when he will be in cond ition to go with me to St Tropez, I dare not be too optimistic. At any rate I am not going to budge until Sasha can come with me. For it is in our little place where he will gain strength.

Emmy who was to go into the hospital after Sashas rel ease has improved so much since I came back neither she or S. want an operation now. I too am not keen for her to undergo the fright ful business. The trouble is one never knows when she is going to be overtaken by a new attack. She has been an invalide all her life,always between relief that lasted for weeks.And then in agony. But it would be foolish to undergo the knife as long as she feels decently as she has been since I came back. I dare say her cond ition became aggravated because of the worry about S. and the tear and wear of looking after him. The hospital is far and daily trips quite exhausting for one like Emmy. Now that I am back we change off and I prepare our food and Sashas diet. Then too Emmy is no longer alone.That too helped to depress her. In any event she was not to have the operation until Sasha is home and that is still some weeks off.

Dearest you are a wonder. No one of the friends to whom I sent the Memoirs disposed of them so quickly or even acknowledged their receipt. It take Jeanne darling to be so effic ient bless you my dearest, staunchest friend. I do not have to tell you what a great help it will be to Sasha materially as well

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as morally. The cost of living when one is wall is terrific in France. So much higher than in England. And Sashas illness has already consumed a fortune and much more will be needed to pull him through. So it is great that you managed to sell the memoirs. The money has not yet arrived. I am sure it will soon.

Darie the committee of comrades of the trade unions Philip Kapp and others who had raised some money for Sashas 65th birthday are planning to raise a new fund. Fitizi who had attended the committees meeting wrote about five thousand dollars. Kapp has a scheme which if really carried out may bring such an amount. He wants to get out a new American edition of Sashas Memoirs. Forturately there plates are still intact. They are with the British publisher who got out the British edition. They are mine and have only been lent to him. So I wrote him yesterday to ship the plates to Kapp. If he will get out a new edition and under take to sell he book in the unions a substantial amount might result. It would mean so much to Sasha and me if the fund could be derived from his work rather than personal donations. The only difficulty is it will take time to get out the edition. And S. wi will need help during this summer. Thats why I suggested a sick fund to you when I wrote you from London.

You are a darling to write in your letter to Sasha that you are now ready to proceed with the pamphlet. I hope it will not burden you too much. My difficulties will begin when I will have to return to England next autumn provided of course Sasha is all well again. The last few weeks in England roused new hopes of the chanches of next winters actitivities.

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you will see by the inclosed copy of my last statement which I dicated to a friend before I left London. It took her two weeks to find the time for the transcription of the notes she took. I wonder if you could have your secretary make a dozen copies and give them out to the Halperines, to Joe, to the groups, to Henier and any one else you care to give the news of my plans for England. It would save me so much labor now that I must give most of my time to Sashas care.

In addition to the statement I wish you to know that if I do return to England and succeed there it will be due largely to new friends I have made, the Suttons. He is a regular wizard in selling tickets. It may seem little for America to sell seventy five dollars worth of tickets to a lecture. But in England it was an amzaing sum. Thats what Sutton succeeded in doing single handed. Actually the recipet of my last lecture was $125. Of course the expences were great. Stil there was a surplus to pay my return to France and a few pounds over. But that is not the issue. The important thing was the fact that I had the most representative and responsive audience of the five months. And what is more to the point it disproved the cont ention so foten made to me that English people do not attend lect ures and that free lance work"is not done in England". That is most encouraging. Anyhow, I feel if I can have enough to hold out in Eng. a year or two I will create interest in our ideas. And I am determined to concentrate on that. Already I have won for myself the cooperation of a few new friends, not Anarchists,yet, but very inter- ted in my work and most able and willing to help

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in an organizational way. It would be wonderful if you plan in re the pamphlet would materialize. For it would mean a working fund. As you see I have come to life again. Gawd how I needed it. The mere thought of ending my days in France just drifting gave me the shivers. My one deep prayer now is that Sasha may regain his strength and be secured until he is again his own heroic and able self.

Dearest I am dead tired. So I must close. I will add a few lines Monday after we have seen Sasha. And Also there maybe a letter from you.

I take you in my arms my faithful friend and comrade

Jenny dearest.

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Whiteway Colony, Stroud, Glos, England
April 18/36

My dear Emma

I am sending you £4 in notes for Sasha, I find that we owe him £7.2.9. This cash now leaves a balance due to him of £3.2.9.

In your letter of April 3 you say that when you were here last I gave you some money for Sasha. I gave you £5 on your own account, which was debited with that amount. The date was Feb. 25/33.

I do hope you are now able to send more hopeful news of him & of his companion. Are they still in hospital or are they now in your charge? Please send me a few lines on a card when you receive this letter & enclosures.

Best wishes to all

Yours fraternally
T. H. Keell

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Dearest,own Christy. Forgive me for not writing. I was in such sickening anxiety about Sasha I just could not collect my thoughts away from him,or find sufficient peace of mind to write anybody.

You see dear I found our Sasha frightfully run down,running a high temperature which took much of his already depleted vitality. It was heart breaking to see him so thin,and listless. All I could do was just exist between the visits to the hospital. Well, you will rejoice with me when I tell you that Sasha has picked up the last few days. His temperature is not yet normal.But it is so little above that I feel the danger passed. Our dear one has begun to take some nourishment which E. and I prepare fresh every day and take to him. I now feel sure that if only we can get Sasha home he will make big strides. Can you imagine our relief? Of course,it will take weeks,perhaps months before S. will be strong enough to risk the trip to St Tropez. I may get Sandström to come for him in his auto .But that will not be before the end of May I fear. However, Sasha is improving there is no further doubt about that.

Dearest Chrysty I am so happy to know I have hleped you. I wish I could have stayed longer and that you Nell and I could have had a quiet talk about the unfro unate affair.Th That may have clarified mattters. Though in intimate affairs a third person can rarely help. All one can do is to try to undersx stand and help with the utmost tenderness and tact. You can count on me for that my dearest.

For the r st you must be strong and brave. You wrote me about being in such close proximity with Nell.Why is

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[illegible]ary? Your flat is large enough to arrange for separate [illegible],and seperate lives. I know it is hard but it can be done dear Tommy. I think it would do you and Nell much good if you could let her come and go atwill, and meet when you both really have the need for it. Of course you will have to find some interest outside of your work and your home. Go back to the Folkhouse theatre,or try to find some other absorbtion. You have no diea how that helps. I know whereof I speak my dear. In point of fact Sashas and my wonder full friendship is due to our interests in an ideal. I don't bel ievw it would have lasted for nearly a half century but for that. True,Nell has not the interest in our ideal as you.But after all you have the memory of ten wonderful years of love.That ought to help you both to real friendship and fellowship,and later perhaps back to the old feeling. Anyhow you must try my dear.

Meanwhile you can count on my friendship and affection always. With lots of love.

Emmy has been feeling so much better since I came back she does not want to even think of an operation. I wish I could believe her present condition will endure. But I know how changeable she is in her physical state. An Atrack maybe lurking around the corner. In any event she has to wait until Sasha is out of the hospital. It would worry him too much if E. were to undergo the operation. And since she is feeling better,it is just as well.

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ear friend. The letter dated pril 2nd I dictated on the eve. of my departure from England, The friend who took the stenographic notes was to mail them to me at once. But I did not get them until aturday, hence the delay in mailing the letter to you.

Since then I have been preoccupied with my comrade Alexander Berkman. I found him very ill indeed, much run down and in high fever. I am so relieved to be able to say that the crisis is over, and that the patient is on the way of improve ment. The process of complete recovery will be very slow.but at least there is no daager any more. I now find that I will have to remain in Nice longer than I anticipated,perhaps until the end of May. My address here is as stated in my letter of April First.

With kind greetings.

Emma Goldman

bout the book. I have not begun it, and I am afraid it will take some time before I will get to it. I find it impossible to do any kind of ntellectual writing with the world again about to go up in flames. It seems so ruthless. After all, of what importance is it to the world whether I have met or not, with the world

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My dear C.V. Your letter was forwarded to me here. I had to leave England a month before I had contemplated owung to Berkmans very seious illness. He underwnet an operation on the prostate two months ago. I learned of that only after it was over. As he was getting along fairly well though we know he will need a second operation I hoped he would be able to hold out until my return. But his condition grew worse and he had to go under the knife again before I could reach Nice. I therefore left England the moment my dates were filled. I arrived two weeks to day. I found my old chum very much run down and running a high temperature This continued for ten days. Fortunately the fever broke about five days ago. And he has been growing better every day. Of course it will take about two weeks more to take him out of the hospital. And then perhaps until the end of May or even longer before he will be string enough to ~~go~~ come with me to St Tropez. In that lovely place full of sunchine and flowrrs and absolute rest and quiet B. will surely gain back his strength. I cling to that hope with every fiber of my being.

You were wrong dear C.V for not showing ever how you felt about me and what you were willing to do. The future is always so uncertain that unless one make use of the present one hardly ever has another chance. True I was overburdened with affairs interests and labors. All of that was worth while and brought worth while results. But you are mistaken if you think my life now "does not seem so overburdened" Of course, it lacks the many interests of the past. But my life is overburdened just the same by anxiety of the immidiate future, by an overwhelming longing

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to get back to my old field,by the struggle to gain a footing in England and not the least by material worries. In addition was the anxiety about A.B. who had been ailing for several years. You may not believe it my dear.But actually I need freindship and companionship now more than ever in my life. For than I had in tensive work to do and did not miss personal attention so much. Now my life is no less overburdened but in another way. Only now I have neither the personal or the work that means everything in my life. So you must not again rely on what others give me, or hesitate to give what you feel for me.

Indeed, indeed I would never want to hurt you. In point of fact I do not want to hirt anyone of my friends. Now less than ever because I know there is already so much hurt in the world and each ones life full of pain. Most assuredly I do not want to add any hurt, not consciously so. I am delighted to know that you realize that.

I see that Rockers MSS has a third translator. Why was James discarded? Tell me if it is not prying into any affairs you'd rather not have me know. I hope the book will not be too much of a mixture.You know the saying about too many cooks who spoil the braoth? Rocker wrote me an enthusiastic letter about his visit to Los Angeles the grand meetings he had and the people who have become so interested in his work. I am so glad for his and Millys sake. I hope they will get a permanent visa. I under stand they want very much to settle in Los Angeles. Rockers presence in the States especially when he has learn to lecture in English acn but be a tremendious cntirbution to our movement.

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Of the old guard left he is the best informed, the abliest and one of the finest type of Anarchist it has been my fortune to know. No doubt the appearance of his book would add to his recognition in America and would help to advance our dicas tremendiously. I therefore hope he may succeed in reaming permanently.

No greater love had any friend than to devote so many pages to a man as you have to Chrles Sprading. I always liked Charles but I never considered him as able as you discribe. True, I read only one of hbs books, that on evolution. I found it very dry. And if his other works are along the same lines I am not surprised. Charles lacks literary style and fire. Mor e than that he lacks graciousness in dealing with people. You say he is severel critical and outspoken. But it is possible to be both and yet have grace, be large enough to make allowance for human frailties I fear Charles is too much of a puretan to understand the human all too human. I don't mean puritan in moral affairs, I mean in the attitude towards his felbows. he is so sure of his own posit ion that he though an anarchist is far too intolerant of others. And that is just what Rocker is not. Thats why he is genearally so liked and admired. Rocker can laugh over himself because he does not consider himself infallible. I am inclined to think Charles would scorn the idea that he is infallible. However,you must not draw the conclusion that I have anything against Charles. I am only trying to ~~explain~~ give you my analysis of him which may help you to see why he fails to attract people.

Take for instance his criticism of the Jewish Anarchists. True some of them are nationalistically painfu

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fully aware. but is it so very strange if you will bear in mind the world wide percecution of the Jews. And the harrowing exter minarion of them going on in Germany? I wonder how Charles would feel if he belonged to an outcast people? Of course as Anarchists they should r alize that anti semitism is inherenr in the bäack rraction of our time. But human feelings are deepr than theories. Confronted with the ghastly feeling against all Jews even in America,in fact in every country even Anarchists can not be ex pected to remain insensitive. You will hardly doubt my Internation alism. Yet I too feel the outrage to which all Jews are subjected Not so our dear Charles who evidently thinks that all our ills can be wipped off the slight by his particular pet heroic. Well, the great Geothe justly said all theroies are grey.Life alone is of pulsating blood.

I was very much interested in your discription of the medical institution you are working for. Too bad you did not know all these cures when I was in the States. For I have suffred from vericos veins all my life. I have never done anything about them. But imagine if your doctors could have helped me. I admit I don't quite understand how any illness can be treated by mail But since you and Sadie are connected with the institution I suppos it really gives results. It is certainly wonderful that you ~~xxxx~~ succeeded to keep the business going when so many others have faile It must be due to your efficienty~~xxxxxxxx~~ and business ability. You are one of the guys born with a golden spponin your ~~xxxx~~ mouth You have succeeded in whatever you had undertaken, even to make my lectures a great success.

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My dear,of course I do not intend to use up the money from the sale of my place. I was thinking to buy another place. This summer I can do nothing about the sale.First because we need to ~~keep~~ keep the lovely place for berkmans convalescence and complete recovery which will probably take the whole summer. Secondly because someone wants to take it off my hands for the winter. I am not expecting a high rent.But I will peobably get part of the rent I will have to pay in London. Yes, I am determined to go back to England in the Fall and settle there as far as I will ever feel settled and at home anywhere outside of the U.S. This is also the reason why I can do nothing about selling Bon Es prit this year. I must see how well I will succeed in England before I can burn my bridges in France. But whenever I will difin intely have to dispose of my little house I will invest it in another place,or if the annuity is really going to be under way I might invest it in that. Provided I can get a decent price. For hard up as we are I do not intend to throw it away.

The grave illness of A.B. has roused some of the comrades and friends in the Jewish trade unions to raise somekind of a fund for him. It is certain that A.B. will not be able to do anykind of work for at least a year. The idea is to get out a new edition of The Memoirs and sell five thousdan copies among the Jewish trade unions. That is the plan of one of our friends connect with the I.L.G.W.U. If this succeeds it will take a load of my heart, to know that my old co worker and comrade will be secured.

About myself you will gather from the inclsures. I Am Going Back to England. I am not deceived about my success there. The last five months have been bitter hard. But I think I will

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break hrough if only I can hold out. The rub will be how to live There is no chance for lectures in England to pay even a frugal living.Not for a long time anyhow. well, my very devoted friend Jeanne Levey has undertaken to get out 12,000 copies of my essay on The Individual in Society . She feels sure the pamhlet will bring a housand dollars. Jeanne is marvelously able and deter mined. I am sure she will succeed. But of course she will need help. I suggested you and Yaffee. So you two will probably hear from her. She means to ask each city to take a number of the bro chure and pay for them on the spot. If she can dispose of the 12,00 in that way it would enable me me to keep going in England without any regard to whether my lectures pay or not. You see, dear C. V. if I should break through in england I will also start the pub lication of a ragazine something like Mother Earth. After all England is an english speaking country and all English speaking countries could be reached from there. Of course this is an ideal for he future. Meanwhile I want to be able to live and work in a country where I have the rightto remain. Where I might make my last years count for something. France means slow metanl decay. I want have it. I want to diesx as I have lived,on the fring line. If you can make any suggestion that would help me to that please do and soon.

I will remain in Nice so long as my dear friend has need of me and carnot come to St.Tropez. Later we will go there so I can prepare more material for my next season in England.

Please dear do not wait months before you write. Give my love to Sadie, affectionate greetings to Bell and Charles and

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Nice April 20th 36.

Dear comrades of the Freie Arbeiter Stimme.

I know you will be happy to know and so will all your readers that comrade Berkman is out of danger. He had a very bad time after his second operation. He was in great pain and ran a high temeprature. But his will to life and his power of percev ereome during mental as well as phycial strees have pulled him through as so often before in his heroic life. The last six days or so our comrade feels and looks ~~xx~~ like a new born babe, still very weak but with clear eyes and even color in his face that had been so pale and worn when I arrived. Yes, he has ~~xxxx~~ actually started to take nourishment and to enjoy it. Is it not true of all of us that we cherish life and all the pleasant things it can offer when we have been near the end? Comrade Berkman too is now relish ing the nourishment he is getting, the golden day though so far he can only see it through the window of the hospital ward. As once before in his life when in the living grave of the Western Pennit entiary comrade Berkman is counting the days when he can return to his home. Hospitals at best are painful places, often more be because of the misery one sees there than one's own suffering. But the hospital here like must things in France is antediuvian, no trained nurses, nothing of the numerous modern methods to ease the pain and the stress of sick people.

Well, it will not be so long eny more before we can take our comrade home. And perhaps by the end of May he will be strong enough to make the trip to St Tropez where we usually spend the summer. Sunshine, rest and good food will surely restore

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comrade Berkmans much depleted strength. I saw him yesterday and I can [illegible] all the comrades our Sasha is on the very of recovery For the present he cannot write himself. But when he is much improved he will send greetings to all of you who have been so anxious about him.

I inclose two more statements about my work in England. The last few weeks of my stay and activyities there have been most encourageing. I am therefore determined to return to "my new country", comrade Berkmans health permitting to settle theere and put new life into our very depleted ranks.

With fraternal greetings to all of you

I know comrade Berkman would want me to send his greetings to all the comrades.

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Darling Milly. I am sorry to have kept you waiting for a line from me. It was just impossible. The struggle in England has consumed all my time and energy. And the last two months I went through fearful anxiety about Sasha. Two operations and I unable to go to him. You can imagine how I suffered. Well, I dashed away as quickly as I could. I found him very much run down and in high fever which kept up for ten days in succession. I dared not hope for his recovery. But with all we have already gone through in our life we seem to have a kind star watching over us. The fever broke last week and Sasha has since run a normal temperature. More than that he has begun to take nourishment. Of course there is no saying how long it will take to build him up. I do not even know when I can take him out of the hospital. But once he could be taken to his home here he would gain strength quickly I am sure. Then he can convalesce in St Tropez. But at best we will not be able to go there for another two months.

Dearie I inclose copies of my last statment and some letters from which I want copies sent to our people in Toronto and and Montreal. It is not necessary to send me any here because some one in London is making me copies. But you will have to attend to all our Canadian friends in Toronto and Montreal whose address you have. write each one a line and say % until A.B. is quite well again I will not be able to write personal letters.

I also inclose a small gift for you my dear. I had hoped to send you that for Easter. But I could not. I know you will be able to make use of it whenever it reaches you. Use some of it for postage. Love to the family. I will write you and at length another time. Love to you my dearest. Emma

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Dear H.W. The party I didtated the letter while still in London did not send me the transcription until two days ago. Hence the delay in mailing it to you. Since then I have been in Nice in great anxiety over A.B.s condition. I found him very much run down and in high fever which lasted for ten days in succession. But his old power of fighting all sorts of suffering pulled him out. Last Thursday his fever broke and he has been imrpoving ever since. I cannot tell you the relief. It will be a slow process to regain complete health. But I feel so very much relieved over the improvement of the last days I do not mind how long it will take to see my old friend on deck again. He is out of danger. That is the main thing.

Please dear H.W. call up Fitizi and tell her about A.B. I wrote her last week when I was beside myself with worry. Tell her Sasha is so much better. That his temperature is normal again, that he is begining to take nourishment and that I am hoping to take him out of the hospital early next week.

As I am likely to remain in Nice at least until the end of May you can write me here if you wish.

Cordially. E G

P.S. Please also tell Pauline & my nephew Louis compliments about A.B. He is well. Be Sandam Hacker tell him I will write him soon E G

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My dear Emma,

For your consideration and approval I append hereto matter from Drama League. I have instructed Mrs. Beresford to proceed — noting that he will let me have proof for final approval.

Doris Shook has sent me your circular letter and I am having same done.

"Auntie" has gone and walked out on me — and now the last HURRA of Emma has gone. I really wanted to have a nice long friendly chat with her before she left but, as usual, fate stepped in and prevented us seeing each other. However, she will be near quite close to you and I envy you her good fellowship. Give her my love - of course she'll write to her — and take as much as you want for yourself - Yours Shloime etc.

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Beryl is progressing with her
driving and will soon, I hope,
be able to go in for her driving
test. I shall then have lots more
time. I somehow can't settle
down to real work until I
get Beryl "fit for the road".

Yrs.
S.S.

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Williams B.

Nice April 22nd 36.

Dear Comrade. You will surely think me a complete ingrate that I have not written you a line and thanked you for your effort to get me a hearing before some of the classes of the N.C.L.C. My last week in London was one rush from one thing to another. and since I arrived here the 6th inst. I have been absorbed in the very serious illness of a life long friend of mine of whom you may have heard or read, Alexander Berkman. The last few days have brought some relief because my friend is out of danger. I therefre feel now I can again breathe freer and attend to my large correspondence.

I do not know whether you have seen Reynolds News of the 5th inst. It contained a fairly decent report of my last lect in Conway Hall on Living My Life, a resume of my autbiography. It may interest you to know that the comrades of the N.C.L.C group at Aberdare expressed the interst to hear just this subject. I need not tell you that the important part of my life was the struggle in the United States over a period of 35 years in the labor, cultural and social movements in which I had a prt. It should therefore prove of interest to all rebels.

Comrade Burr may have already written you, or he will do so soon about some bookings for the coming season. As you expressed the view that you might again try to book me if given more time than last unfortunate mixup I have asked comrade Burr to get in touch with you early. I hope a tour of the South Wales classes might be arranged so as to save time, expence and energy in getting from pla ce to place. Do you not think that might be done?

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B.

Dear comrade I wonder if you would be good enough to let com rade Harr have a list of the Secretaries of the N.C.L.C in the Netherm cities you spoke to me about? I mean if you know their names and addresses. You see I am no longer a stranger to you.But I am still that to most workers organisation in england. In fact to most people in my new country. You have probably heard from the comrades in the three cities I have visited.So you will know that you run no risk in recommending me.

I am remaining in Nice until the end of next month. Until then my address here is c/o the American Express Co. 2,rue du Congrès Nice A.M. After that I am going for the rest of the summer to a place near by where I have been living for some time. The address will then be Bon Esprit, Chemin st Antoine, st Tropez Var. France.

Please remember me most kindly to comrade Margaret. I hope she received my card.

Fraternally.

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Nice April 22nd 36.

Dear Minna. I was glad to get your letter and to know that the Memoirs arrived. I cannot understand why Bluestein has not acknowledged the receipt. Well, it does not matter if only he will try to dispose of them as soon as possible and at as a copy. By the way, I had a letter from Fitzi telling me that she had been at a gathering arranged by Lapp and Groener to raise more money for Sasha. In fact five thousand dollars, but as a similar sum was to be raised for his 65th birthday and not much came of it, I did not even tell Sasha about it. Of course I will be very glad if Lapp and the others succeed. We may for ought I know because he wants to get out a new edition of the Memoirs. I have already written the English publishers to ship the plates to Lapp. The trouble is it will take a long time before the new edition will be ready and disposed off. Meanwhile S. will need help to be able to take a complete rest and convalescate from the two operations.

Frankly dear when I arrived here two weeks ago I feared for Sashas life. I found him frightfully run down and with a high temperature that kept up for ten days. I was nearly beside myself. But Sashas old will to life helped him over the worst. You will be glad to know that since Thursday he has had normal temperature and he has begun to take nourishment. Of course it will probably take two weeks before we can take him out of the hospital and then a month or more before we can move him to St. Tropez. For it is there that I am hoping to get our Sasha back complete health.

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~~How I felt being in Ireland and tied by dates~~

to lecture with Sasha so ill I hardly need to tell you. It was torture. So while I am very tired from five months struggle to get a hearing I am relieved beyond words to be near Sasha to look after him. Arny and I change off. I visit him one day & he the next and we take him everything he needs. So day I made him chicken broath and a very small piece of chicken. It would have done your heart good to see how he relished it. And of course other things that he is permitted to have. Anyhow our Sasha is on the way of recovery.

Dear Minna from the inclosed statement you will see all about my work in England and my plans. But all depends on whether Sasha will be his old strong and alive self again by the fall. Otherwise I could not leave him. But I am hopefull that he may be feeling better and stronger than the last year.

Write me again soon please and keep me posted what is being done about Sashas new fund.

Affectionately.

Emma

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to submit to tho operation which a specialist for stomach troubbe had suggested. But there is a marvelous improvement in her cond ition so we are hoping she may not need the operation after all. In any event she would have had to wait until Sasha is on his feet again and that may not be for weeks.

Now I felt being in England and tied by dates to lecture with Sasha so ill I hardly need to tell you. It was torture. So while I am very tired from five months struggle to get a hearing I am relieved beyond words to be near Sasha to look afte him. Emmy and I change off.I visit him one day E. the next and we take him everything he needs. To day I made him chicken broath and a very small piece of chicken. It would have done your heart good to see how he relished it. And of course other things that he is permitted to have. Anyhow our Sasha is on the way of rec overy.

Dear Minna from the inclosed statement you will see all about my work in England and my plans.But all depends on whether Sasha will be his oldmstrong and alive self again by the Fall. Otherwise I could not leave him. But I am hopefull that he may be fooling better and stronger than the last year.

write me again soon please and keep me posted what is being done about Sashas new fund.

Affectionately.

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April 22nd, 1936

Miss E. G. Colton,
C/o Alexander Berkman,
Nice, France.

My dear Emma:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 8th, and since I don't know to which address to reply, I am writing this to the Nice address.

I was very glad to get your note, but am more than sorry to hear that Berkman must undergo another oporation, but hope that this may be the last of his ailments -- for the time being, at least.

I am writing this immediatoly, as I want you to get a clear idea as to what we are planning. The information that you received from Miss Fitzgerald may not convey the entire spirit of the arrangemont. We have taken this matter up about ten or eleven months ago, and at that time none of us wanted to make the affair appear as if we were making a collection for the maintainance of Berkman. We had at that time succeeded in raising about $900, without any publicity in any way, and docided to delay a campaign for somo affair, until an appropriate occasion in order to give it the name of somo celebration or another.

We have had considorable trouble and annoyance, as far as our unions are concerned, and were unable to take up this affair last year. This season, it was impossible, and to the best of my intentions, nothing will be done before the early fall. However, when we do it, it will be in a manner that will not embarrass Berkman in any way, or give him any cause to feel humiliated. I do not want to start this affair unless I am assurod of a success, and I cannot at this time, particularly during the summer months, expoct to receive any or much assistance from your groups. We would have to plaoe the burden on the labor unions, most of whom are now managed by poople who do not know Berkman; a new generation has assumed leadership, and the membership is also new. This will about give you an idea of what we have to contend with.

It was my opinion that towards next fall, if we are able to print an edition of Berkman's memoirs, it would be much easier to dispose of the books than i would be to sell concert tickets, or tickets for any other affair. As soon as his health is improved, there is something else that we have in mind, bu there is no use in discussing that for the time being.

I have sent an additional $100 to Berkman, which has been in transit for the

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Miss Emma G. Colton,
Nice, France.

last few days, and should reach you before the receipt of this letter.

With kind regards, and best wishes for Berkman's speedy recovery, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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The American Express Co.
2, rue du Congrès
Nice A.M. France
April 23rd.36.

Dear Miss Briggs.

I find that I will have to remain in Nice much longer than I had expected, certainly until the end of May if not even the first week in June. Will you therefore be good enough to send me the May issue of the Magazine and any replies you may receive for me from some of the drama socities. Mr Beresford sent the copy to Mr Sutton that was to go into the Magazine. Mr Sutton sent it to me for approval. It was very good and has already gone back to Mr Beresford. I hope there will be some favorable response in the way of bookings.

Please, my dear could you let me have the names and addresses of the Playgoers Secretaries in Liverpool, Manchester possibly Bahh, Sheffiled and also in Cardiff if that society is still in existance. What what about Hull? Anyhow, send me what ever you consider worth while. I do not mean a large list because we will be reaching 4500 circles via our insertion in the Magazine. I mean only some of the most outstanding organizations.

It is understood that I will reimburse you for whatever expence you will have in the way of postage. I really should have left you some money for that purpose. But I will make good when I return to England early in the autumn.

Remeber me kindly to Mr Geoffrey Whitworth.

Codially.

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Room 1114
36 S. State Street
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April 23, 1936.

Emma dear:

By this time you are no doubt taken up with the duties of a nurse. I feel certain your sincere anxiety and excellent care will bring Sasha back to his former self before very long. Hope too that Emmy is getting well too and things will not be too hard for you to handle.

I have been spending some of my time out at our country place. Was just thinking how wonderful it would be if it were possible for you to come out there and visit with us. You could rest up there too. Of course you have a lovely place of your own, but I know you have many trying things weighting down upon you.

In reference to Julia, I hardly know what to tell you, dear. As you say, what more can you do, you have written her all. In addition to that, I have explained just how things are with all of you there. But you know how it is. "Those who are willing, are unable to help and those who can are not so willing". It was always thus.

Have written Sasha several times since his illness. Hope you will write me and let me know just how they are both getting along.

Am enclosing a letter to Sasha which will explain the enclosed check. When Jay visited with Ben Laddon of Toronto, Ben said he was very anxious to get a book. I had them all sold and had to take back one of the books and refund $2.00 in order to send one to Ben. Inasmuch as Ben gave Jay $10.00 I am sending the additional eight. It would be nice, I think, if you would write to him. Jay had dinner with them while He as in Toronto and spent a very pleasant evening with him. They were so eager to know about you.

I am working on your pamphlet and hope by early fall I shall have some good news for you. When I can send youa substantial check, nothing will makeme any happier. This will probably give you a little rest for at least six months, if I can raise the thousand dollars, which I am hoping to do.

Otherwise, dear, there is very little new. Everything seems to be at a stand-still. There is no activity to speak of. Since I have been out in the country, I have been away from everyone. Have been spending much of my time gardening,

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planting and reading. I needed this rest a great deal.

Write me, dear, as soon as you can. Let me hear just how Sasha and Emmy are getting along.

All our friends here join me in sending our sincerest love to you.

Fondly,

Jeanne Levey

Darling, May first I am moving my office to the Merchandise Mart and my new address will be Room 1534, Merchandise Mart, 222 North Bank Drive, Chicago.

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New York, 23. April 1936.

Liebste Emma,

deinen langen und ausfuhrlichen Brief soeben erhalten. Herzlichen Dank. Leider war der Inhalt, von wenigen Lichtblicken abgesehen, nicht sehr erbaulich. Dass unsrem armen Sasha auch noch diese Prüfung beschert sein musste, ist einfach scheusslich. Wir hatten bereits aus anderer Quelle von Sashas Zustand erfahren; auch waren Cäsar Domela und seine Frau kurze Zeit hier und erzählten uns xxx davon. Cäsar hatte Sasha bald nach der ersten Operation gesehen und er sagte ihm damals schon, dass eine zweite Operation wahrscheinlich nicht zu umgehen sei. Dass nun auch die kleine Emmy noch operiert werden muss, macht das Mass voll. Es ist schon genug, dass man in dieser miserabelen Welt wie ein wildes Tier herumgehetzt wird und kaum einen winkel finden kann, um die paar Jahre zu beschliessen; kommt aber erst noch Krankheit dazu, dann ist es schon gar nicht mehr auszuhalten.

Ich kann mir vorstellen, wie du fühlen musstest, als du von alle dem Aunde ernieltst und trotzdem gebunden warst und nicht sofort nach Nice eilen konntest. Wir hoffen beide von ganzem Herzen, dass Sasha auch der zweiten Operation gesund hervorgehen wird und von seinem Uebel gründlich erlöst ist. Und der kleinen Emmy wünschen mir dasselbe. Am tiefsten hat es mich berührt, wenn du in deinem Schreiben erwähntest, dass Sasha sich geistig und seelisch so bedrückt fühlt und viel von jener unverwustlichen Lebensenergie verloren hat, die ihn bisher nie verlassen hatte. Aber schliesslich ist das nur zu begreiflich. Wenn man all die Jahre gezwungen ist, in einem Winkel zu leben, wo jeder persönliche Ideenaustausch unterbunden ist und wo er ausser Emmy niemand hatte, mit dem er sich über Dinge unterhalten konnte, die ihm am Herzen liegen, so muss dies zu einer Verödung des geistigen Daseins führen, besonders bei einem Menschen, der wie Sasha so sozial veranlagt ist und sich nach einer Betätigung sehnt, die das Leben allein erträglich und kostbar macht. Es ist dies die grosse Tragödie des Exils, von der die wenigsten eine Ahnung haben, und die unter dem heutigen Zustand der Dinge viel schwerer auf ihren Opfern lastet denn je zuvor. Die meisten von uns sehen nur die direkten Opfer, die unter den Schlägen der Reaktion verrocheln, aber sie haben keinen blauen Dunst von jener schleichenden Tragodie derjenigen, die gewaltsam aus ihrer sozialen Umwelt gerissen und in fremde Erde verpflanzt wurden, wo sie zu langsamen Absterben verurteilt sind. Der Gedanke, dass eine Handvoll privilegierter Räuber in jedem Lande xxxxxxxxxxxxx mit dem Leben der wertvollsten Menschen ungestraft Schindluder treiben kann, ist eine der grossten Ungeheuerlichkeiten unsrer Zeit, die gerade deshalb so wenig verstanden wird, weil sie den meisten gar nicht zum Bewusstsein kommt.

Dass du nun selbst auf den Gedanken gekommen bist, nach England überzusiedeln, ist nach unsrer Meinung das beste, was du heute tun kannst. Ich verstehe, dass dir England nach allen Enttäuschungen und in seinem gegenwärtigen Zustande nicht besonders anziehend sein kann. Aber was willst du sonst tun? In Frankreich wohnen und nur zeitweise eine Tour nach England machen, ist sicher nicht das richtige. Man muss an Ort und Stelle sein, um sich ein Betätigungsfeld zu schaffen. Nur so hat man Gelegenheit, die einzelnen Personen ausfindig zu machen, die fur die Arbeit wertvoll sind und ohne die man nichts ausrichten kann. Vielleicht wäre es besser gewesen, wenn du schon fruher zu diesem Entschlusse gekommen wärest, denn wir werden ja schliesslich nicht jünger. Es wird dich manche Anstrengung kosten, diesen trocknen Boden zu beackern, aber dass schliesslich doch etwas zu erreichen ist, haben ja deine letzten Erfahrungen bewiesen. Und wenn du erst in der Lage bist, mit den Menschen persönlicher Fühlung zu nehmen, wirst du auch mehr Glück haben und die Widerstände überwinden, mit denen du fortgesetzt zu rechnen hast, solange du nur als Gast im Lande bist. Alle anderen Lander sind dir verschlossen, so

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weit irgendwelche Betätigung in Frage kommt; da muss man also schon nehmen was da ist, denn es sieht vorläufig nicht danach aus, dass in der politischen und sozialen Konstellation Europas grosse Aenderungen eintreten werden, jedenfalls nicht zum Guten.

Du wirst ja nun mit Sasha und Emmy genug beschäftigt sein, um sie beide wieder auf die Beine zu bringen, und das Wetter wird dir dabei viel helfen. Wenn Sasha sich erst von den unmittelbaren Folgen der Operation erholt hat, wird er sicher wieder in Ordnung kommen, denn er hat eine robuste Natur, die manches aushalten kann. Am besten wäre es, wenn man ihn xxx danach in eine andere Umgebung verpflanzen könnte, wo er wieder nähere Beziehungen zu Menschen bekommt und seelisch und geistig wieder wurzel schlagen kann. Aber wohin? Das ist die Frage. Denkst du nicht, dass Paris für ihn immerhin ein besserer Ort wäre wie Nizza? Ich weiss, dass das Klima im Süden besser ist, aber in Paris hätte er immerhin einige Freunde und gewisse Abwechslungen, die er in Nizza nicht finden kann. Sogar das schönste Stückchen Erde verliert seinen Reiz, wenn man sich stets alleine fühlt und andauernd alle geistigen und seelischen Anregungen entbehren muss, die zum Leben so notwendig sind wie das liebe Brot.

Was uns selbst anbetrifft, so habe ich leider auch nichts Gutes zu berichten, und es tut mir fast leid, darüber zu sprechen, denn ich weiss, dass du gerade genug mit dir selbst zu tun hast. Aber du wurdest es ja ohnedies erfahren, und da ist es schon besser, wenn ich dich selbst mit allem bekannt mache. Wie du weisst, konnten wir uns bis jetzt nur hier halten, indem wir fortgesetzt bestrebt waren, eine zeitweilige Verlängerung unseres Aufenthalts zu erlangen. Nun sind wir aber so weit, dass wir im besten Falle nur noch auf <u>eine</u> weitere Extension rechnen können, denn unser Pass läuft im nächsten Jahre ab und kein deutscher Konsul in Amerika würde uns denselben verlängern. Extensions aber können nur solange gegeben werden, als der Pass es zulässt. In dem Moment, wo diese Möglichkeit verschwunden ist, verschwindet auch jede Aussicht auf eine Verlängerung unsres Aufenthalts in diesem Lande. Nur ein Immigration visa könnte diesem Zustand ein Ende machen, aber um ein solches zu erlangen, müssen wir das Land verlassen, da ein Dauer-Visum nur von einem amerikanischen Konsul im Auslande ausgestellt werden kann. Aus diesem Grunde haben wir beschlossen, einen solchen Versuch zu wagen. Ich habe während meines Hierseins eine Menge wichtiger Verbindungen angeknüpft, die uns für einen solchen Zweck von Nutzen sein konnten. Seit meiner Rückkehr aus dem fernen West habe ich mich bemüht, soviel als möglich Papiere zu beschaffen: einen Afidavit, Führungszeugnis der New Yorker Polizei mit Fingerabdrücken, Geburtsschein etc., um die bürokratischen Gepflogenheiten Uncle Sam's zu befriedigen. So ausgerüstet, fuhren wir letzte Woche nach Canada, um auf dem Consulat in Toronto unsre Angelegenheiten zu regelen. Eine ganze Anzahl einflussreicher Personen wie Einstein, Judge Lindsay, Jordan Smith, Prof. Briggs usw. hatten an den Consul geschrieben und sich für unsere dauernde Niederlassung in xxxxx Amerika eingesetzt. Aber als wir an die kanadische Grenze kamen, verweigerte man uns die Einreise und schickte uns nach den Staaten zurück.

Die Ursache war, dass das Visa des amerikanischen Consuls in England keine Gültigkeit mehr hatte. Wir hatten zwar unsre Extension von Washington, die bis zum 20. August läuft, aber die kanadische Grenzbehörde erklärte uns, dass eine solche Extension nur für Amerika gut sei, aber dass sie keine Garantie sei, dass man uns wieder in die Staaten zurücklasse. Die Lage ist nun so: Um ein Immigration visa zu erlangen, müssen wir das Land verlassen: so will es das Gesetz. Aber um in Canada einreisen zu können, benötigen wir das Visa eines amerikanischen Consuls im Auslande. Als ich den kanadischen Beamten fragte, wie er sich die Sache vorstelle, antwortete er mir seelenruhig: "Am besten ist, sie fahren nach England zurück und verschaffen sich dort ein Visa. Damit wird man ihnen in Canada Einlass gewähren." Diese Bürokraten sind in der Tat die angenehmsten Zeitgenossen, wirkliche Gemütsmenschen. So haben wir nun Zeit und Geld verschwendet für die Katz und sind gerade so weit wie vorher.

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Einer unsrer Freunde, der bisher jede neue Extension fur uns besorgte, ist gestern nach Washington gefahren, um dort eine offizielle Bestatigung zu erlangen, dass man uns die Rückreise in die Vereinigten Staaten erlauben wird, solange unse Extension gultig ist. Ob ihm das gelingen wird, ist natürlich eine grosse Frage, denn Extensions werden von dem Labor Depatment ausgestellt, eine solche Erklärung muss vom States Department kommen. Roger Baldwin erklarte mir bei einer fruheren Gelegenheit, dass die Regierung bisher nie eine solche Erlaubnis gegeben habe. So was tun?

Mir ist alles schon so zuwider, dass ich am liebsten mein Bundel packen wurde, wenn ich nur wüsste wohin zu gehen. Die ewige Unsicherheit bringt es mit sich, dass mir die Lust an jeder Arbeit vergangen ist, und das trifft mich am schwersten, denn bei der Arbeit vergisst man alles und fühlt, dass man schliesslich noch eine gewisse Existenzberechtigung in der Welt hat. Wenn ich wüsste, dass wir ~~mmk~~ zu guter Letzt doch noch das Land verlassen mussen, so wurde ich am liebsten noch nächste Woche fahren, denn jetzt habe ich wenigstens noch ein paar Kröten, die ich mir auf meiner letzten Tour verdient habe. Aber wenn wir erst das kleine Kapital aufzehren und mit leeren Taschen die Wanderschaft antreten mussen, wird es umso schwerer sein.

Aber was kann man schliesslich tun? Man muss abwarten und sehen wie die Dinge laufen, denn ändern können wir so wie so nichts daran. Sobald wir Bescheid erhalten, werde ich dich sofort verständigen. Am besten, sage Sasha gar nichts davon, denn das wird ihn nur noch mehr bedrücken, und helfen kann es uns ja doch nichts. Ich werde ihm nächstens schreiben.

Letzte Woche habe ich Max und Millie gesehen. Beide sind in den letzten Monaten schrecklich alt geworden. Sie kann sich kaum noch auf den Füssen halten, aber sie wird eben arbeiten mussen, bis sie eines Tages zusammenbrechen wird. Der arme Max aber wird immer menschenfremder und innerlich einsamer. Es ist ein Jammer.

Und nun sei herzlich umarmt von uns und grusse Sasha und Emmy recht innig von uns. Wir wünschen beiden recht baldige und dauernde Genesung und hoffen von ganzem Herzen, dass sie auch diese Prüfung glücklich überstehen werden.

Von ganzem Herzen

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return, please

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Nice April 24th 36.

Dear Comrade.

As I do not collect my mail at the American Express every day your letter of the 17th inst. reached me only yesterday. I am sorry it was so delayed. I hope it did not interfere with the publication of your magazine FREE WOMAN.

I congratulate you dear comrade on your dicision to help emancipate the Spanish woman. I confess when I was in Spain in 1929. I was shocked at the backwardness of the women in Spain, their submission to the church and to the men in their lives, father brothers and husbands. It seemed to me that the Spanish woman was still terribly under the yoke of the double standard of morality between men and women, and their slvaery as only domestic servants and constant bearers of broods of children. I felt then as I do now that the Spanish masses cannot hope to achieve their economic and social liberation until women have not advanced far enough to take their place with men in the revolutionary struggle for the emancipation from wage slavery. I am delighted, therefore, to find women comrades who are undertaking to do for Spanish women what the pioneers in Russia, England and America have done for their sisters of these countries.

I would be glad to contribute to your magazine. But I cannot do it now. My old friend and comrade Alexander Berkman ill for two months in a hospital in this city needs all the attention and care I can give him. Later when he has recovered I hope to send you something. But it will have to be in the English langauge as I do not know French well enough to write or lecture in it.

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You maybe interested to know about my tour in England from whence I have returned only three weeks ago.

I wish you great success with your publication.

With fraternal greetings to all the comrades in Spain.

Fraternally.

P.S. I have never accepted payment for my contributions to our press. It goes without saying that when I do write for your magazine it will be without remuneration.

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Nice April 24th 36.

Dear Comrade. You will see from the inclosures why it was impossible for me to answer your letter of Jan.30th sooner. The struggle in England to get a footing was too strenuous and too absorbing to keep up my vast correspondence regularly. But I have not forgotten your letter. In fact I had it before me together with other letters to be answered ~~all the time~~. Since I am back in France April 6th I have used every free moment to diminsih the stacks of mail that had accumulated. Not that I have much time here. You will see what I mean by the inclosures. Our comrade Alexander Berkman was very ill the last two months. He had to undergo two operations. Unfortunately I was tied up by dates that I could not possibly break. You may believe me it was sheer torture to know our comrade so sick and I unable to rush to his aid. But such is the fate of all those who dedicate themselves to an ideal. Neither in sorry or in joy have they any right to themselves.

Well, I finally got here April 6th. My old comrade after the second operation which was much graver than the first was in a grave condition. I am glad to let you know though that during the last week he has taken a turn for the better. His temperature has dropped almost to normal and he has been gaining a little strength. The process of recovery will be slow because he is very much run down. But once I can get him out of the hospital and give him the care and attention he needs he will pick up I hope. At the end of May if he is strong enough I will take him to Bon Esprit St Tropez. The sun, air and lovely view as well as the right kind of diet will restore our comrade to his old, strong and vital self.

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Dear comrade I wish you would have sent me the copy of the CULTURA PROLETARIA that contained my article. True I do unfortunately do not read Spanish, Still I like to keep all magazines and papers where my writings appear. It may come useful in the future. I don't know who it was who sent me the clipping from the New York Evening Post containing my letter. I have no idea what correction you refer to which the Post is supposed to have made.

No, I do not know Levinson and his work "SPIES AND THUGS FOR HIRE". Or do you mean the book I BREAK STRIKES? I have read that. I left the bok among my things in London. I am not sure the author of the book is Levinson. But I have an idea it is the same book.

You will see by the inclosures that while I cannot boast of great success in England I am yet planning to go back in the Fall for a long stay, and perhaps to settle there as far as I will ever be able to settle anywheres. We have no real movement in England. But there are a few comrades who are most eager to be of help in creating a new movement. And I also came accross some real rebels in the Independent Labor Party who are very Left but non Communist of the Moscow brand. I feel sure that they could be drawn into our ranks if any were brought to life. I mean to dedicate the few years left me to this task. It will be bitter hard. But any struggle is preferable to inactivity in France. The latter would mean slow mental stagnation. I am determined to end my life as I have lived it, on the firing line.

The comrades of Spain sent a questionaire to comrade Berkman about his view of political action for Anarchists. I asked comrade Berkman to sign my name to a very determined

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repudiation of such a betrayal of our ideas. I consider it terrible that our comrades in Spain, the very craddle of Anarchism, the one country where our comrades have never allied themselves with any political machine such a thing should have happened. It is the more impardonable for the comrades to have allied themselves with such corrupt politicians as Caballero and the others because they failed so ignominiously to join the workers in the Asturias up rising. That was the psychological moment for the CNT to take their place side by side of the masses. Because they failed so shamefully to appraise the importance of that revolt they thought they could make it good by joining the Socialists and the other politicians at the polls. I understand that the CNT did not officially come at for particiaption an the elections.But that it told the mem bers to use their own judgment. I consider this rank Jesuitism. In any event I am sure that the particiaption of Anarchists in political action has undermined the prestige the comrades have held in Spain. I consider it a frightful calamity.

I understand the human side that motivated our com rades, the 30,000 politicals in prison. But the comrades must have known that it will merely mean a change of personel. Already the Left elements are taking the place in prison of those who had been released, so I do not see the gain.Whereas the loss as a revol utionary force of the TNC is inculculable. Nothing on earth would ever induce me to approve of such inconsistancy. If the Anarchists felt strong enough to swing the elections towards the Left,they should have been st5ong enough to organise an effective general strike. That would have done a thousand times

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been of great moral value at least and I am inclined to believe would also have helped to liberate the political prisoners. I suppose the CNT has shown so little perception during the Asturias revolt that it no longer had the confidence and the devotion of the masses. It is certainly very sad indeed.

More than thirty years ago Malatesta debated with Merlino in one of the Italian papers about Anarchist participation in elections. Then too it was a question of stemming the tide of reaction in Italy. Merlino was for particiaption. But Malatesta was brilliant in his arguments to prove how falacious and utterly wrong Merlinos position was and how harmful. Now after all these years and when the world is in the throes of dictatorship of every shade who lead the workers to slaughter by the fake of politics our comrades in Spain make the blunder to join in. As I said it is sad and most disheartning. I am glad you dear comrade and I hope all the Spanish comrades of the Cultura Proletaria have taken the right stand in the matter. Let us hope it will not be too late for the Anarchists in Spain to realize their grave mist ake.

Yesterday I had a letter from comrade Romite Mercedes Comaposada of Madrid asking for an article to a magazine called FREE WOMAN. I was not able to write an article now. But I wrote her a letter how very glad I was that such a paper was being issued to emancipate the Spanish woman from her bondage. Do you know anything about this comrade? Give my fraternal greetings to all the comrades of the Cultura Proletaria group and say others you will see. write me c/o A. Berkman 101, Blvd de Cessole Nice. Until further notice.

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Nice April 24th 36.

Dear Bessie . Your loving discription of Amys end stirred me to the very vitals of my being. Knowing what her death has meant to you I can but admire your capacity to detach yourself from your memoires and feelings of Amy as your child and to write about her as a remacble human being. It requires a universal spirit to be able to do that. And your letter proved your own big spirit to talk of one whose spirit was great and flaming. The deepr the loss to the world of one so singularly gifted as Amy had been so full of the joy of life and all that hs herself had put into it. Her death was therefore a terrible loss to all of us who knew and loved Amy.

Dear, dear Bessie, I feel deeply with your pain which nothing but time may sooth. Yes, only time will bring about the miracle, not of forgetfulness of Amy but the consciousness that out of your loins had sprung a rare human being . That is something to sttrengthen your courage to overcome her loss.

I returned from England to nurse Sasha whom I found desperately ill after two operations. I do not need to discribe to you my anxeity about my old friend while I was bound by dates in England. I needed all my will power not to rush away. But my heart and my thoughts were with Sasha. Well, three weeks ago I came here. I found S. very much run down and in high fever which lasted for a long time. But I am relieved to be able to let you know that Sasha has undergone a chance for the better. He is still in the hospital and the process of recovery is very slow. But he is out of danger. Once we can get him to his own aprt he

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he will gain strength I am sure. Later I hope to take him to St Tropez where the blessed sun, the air, the lovely flowers the restful quiet and good food will I am sure restore Sashas health.

About my"fortunes" in England you will see from the inclosed copies of letters. They will save repetition. I am not deceived about my future in England. But no physical hxxxxx hard ships are quiet as agonizing as slow mental decay to which I would be dondemned in France. I simply cannot bear to face the last year of my life in futility. I want to end it as I began,on the firing line. So I will return to England in the autumn if only Sashas xxxxxxxx condition improves.

My dear do you see Moe and Babsie? I am so cut off from them I feel heart broken. And always so uneasy about Moe. I know both my beloved children must be careful.Still they could send a note through you occasionally. I would really despair were it not that I know what a lazy letter writer my precious brother is. I am sure my dear ones have no idea the loenlyness, isolation and emptyness of the exile with all one loves and cherishes removed by thousands of mile and blood freezing silence. Please my dear see Moe and Babsie and write me how they both are. I wonder where Allen is? If still with them,or is he back with his mother. Thats another painful story that I never hear about my brother Hermans child whom he loved so pationately.

Until the end of May I can be reached c/o A.Berkman 101, Blvd de Cessole Nice A.M. Later in St Tropez. Give my heartfelt greetings to Davidoff, to Ida and her children. To your son. Affectionately.

I saw Paul and Essie again before I left. Their presence in [illegible] is a great joy to me.It makes London less cold and forbidding.

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Nice April [illegible] 36.

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Emma Goldman
re
Alexander Berkman

dear Henrietta.

The inclosures speak for themselves. You will agree the struggle in England was no ice cream party. It was indeed bitter hard. And yet I really did break through though not to the extent that would make me feel overly optimistic about the future in England. But I am going back. No matter how difficult it will be to gain a footing, it will be preferable to slow mental stagnation from the silence I must observe here. So I am going to England to live there, at least for a year or two, or until the end if I can make my last years count for something.

For the present I am playing the part of a nurse. My dear old chum Alexander Berkman has been a very sick man after two operations. He is still in the hospital though slowly gaining back his strength. I had an awful scare before I could get to his bedside. But his will to live and his great enduring powers have pulled him out. I am hoping my dear co-worker and chum will soon be at his own Aprt. and later he will go with me to St Tropez.

I am surprised that your letters did not reach Berkman to me or he would have forwarded them to me. Or did you mean only the letter of Feb.11th? Anyhow I am in Sashas Arpt now and am getting mail addressed c/o him.

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111, Browning Road,
Enfield.

Saturday - 25/4/36.

My dear Emma,

The appended proofs have to be in the printer's hands by Monday next and I have already forwarded some to them.

I am also enclosing the cuttings of 'Reynolds' that you are so anxious to receive. If you should want more -- command! I'll jump to it, every time.

From your nice lengthy letter of the 17th inst. I extracted the truth of love immediately, and I am enjoying it. You certainly couldn't offer more. I am contented. All the same I wish I had the time to reply to your philosophies - I would just love to tear you into little pieces!; and thoroughly enjoy watching you wriggle together again. For the time being, however, I will allow you to remain whole - yours Obum still needs you.

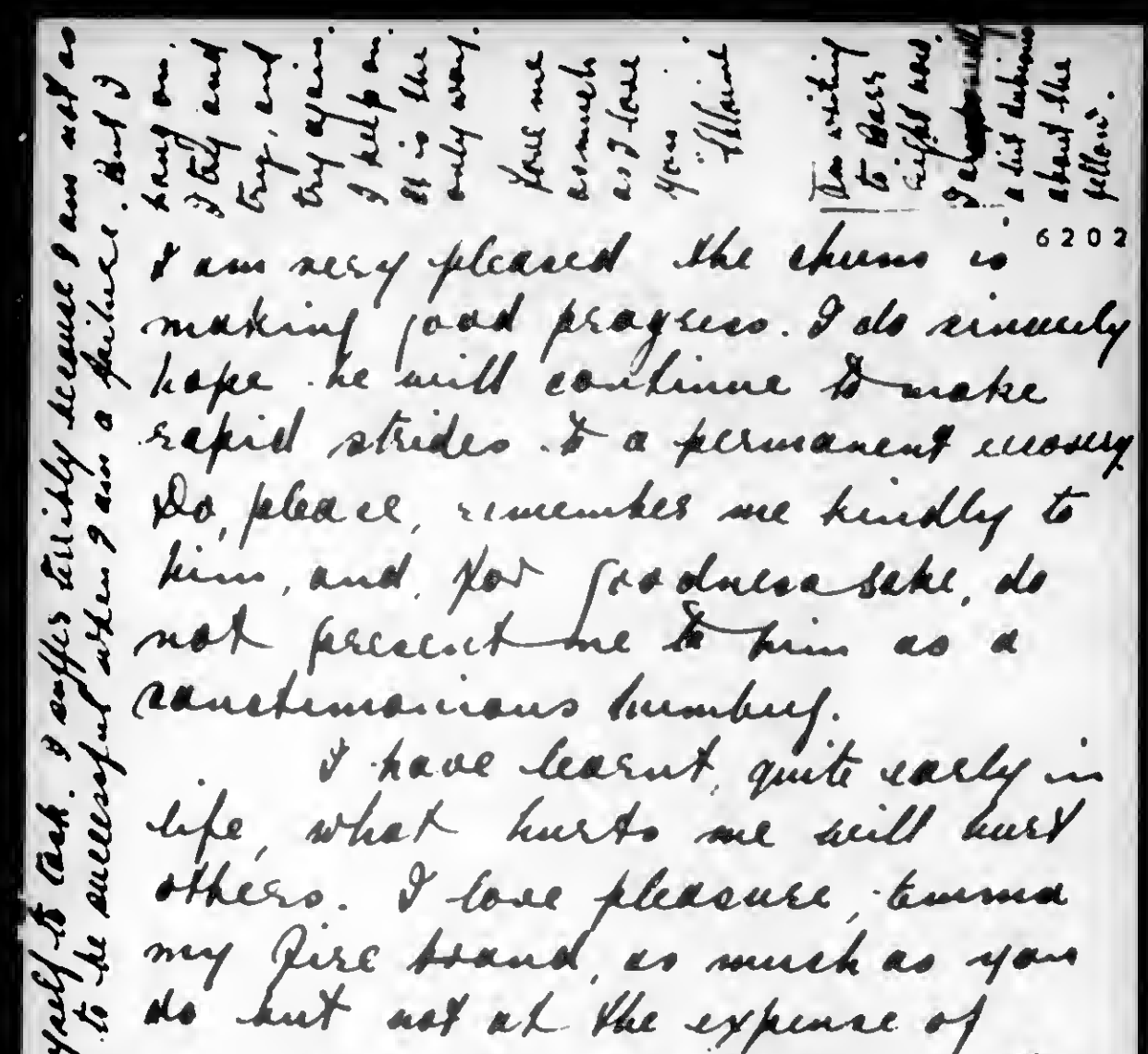
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I am enclosing to Bess eight new photos. I don't think much of them myself. I look old and grey, and they accentuate it. I look an old woman. Have me examined as I have many ailments. Affectionately Shloime.

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I am very pleased the chums is making good progress. I do sincerely hope he will continue to make rapid strides. & a permanent success. Do, please, remember me kindly to him, and, for Goodness sake, do not present me to him as a Sanctimonious humbug.

I have learnt, quite early in life, what hurts me will hurt others. I love pleasure, Emma my Dear friend, as much as you do but not at the expense of some one elses misfortune. I am not suggesting that this is not your policy but you are too damned ready, like the Catholics, to forgive all faults too readily: I should readily forgive ordinary sins of "ordinary" people but major sins of the "great" makes them more ordinary than "ordinary".

For you to suggest that I am, in effect conceited, cocksure, and can do no wrong is hopelessly incorrect.

I am exhilarated, taking myself & task, & I feel as I could like. & pleasant to be successful

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Dear Be[illegible]. If only I had your gift to see life through magic gla[illegible]ses I shou[illegible] be a more contended woman. But you know of yore that I see reality as it is. Life to me is a pretty serious business, es pecially since I am in [illegible] exile. That accounts for my silence. The struggle of months in England to gain a footing, Sashas grave illness and the general chaotic state of affiras in Europe have absorbed me to the exclusion of nearly everything else. Besides, your life is full with your own affairs and successes. Why burden you with mine?

However, here are some copies of [illegible] statements I have sent to my friends and comrades in America. They will give you an idea about my doings while in England and what I hope to do when I return there in the autumn. I find any struggle preferable to slow mental stagnation in France. And it would mean that were I to remain living in France. My return to England will, of course, depend on Sashas complete recovery. He is still in the hospital after his second operation five weeks ago. The first took place ten weeks ago. So you can imagine my anxiety while I was in England and tied by engagements I could not possibly break. I came back three weeks ago though I had intended to remain in Engla[illegible] all of this month. As far as my future there is concerned it would have been useful to remain. But Sashas condition was too alarming to dely a moment longer than was necessary. I came back and am seeing him every day and looking after his care. When Sasha regain[illegible] some strength and can risk the trip to St Tropez we will go there. The bracing air, the sun, the flowers and above all complete quiet and peace will I hope bring back Sashas health and [illegible]

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viger.

That brings me to your autobiography. I am delighted to know tyat you are working on it. I cannot urge enough to take much time and pains in writing it. An autobiography, dear Ben is not a compilation of data. It is life and must be written vividly and as near life as one can make it. So I hope you will take your time, and not rush your work as is you want. It goes without saying that Sasha and I will be glad to read your MSS and to suggest whatever changes we find necessary. But I do not think that you could do any actual writing when near us. Of course if Sasha were well and you would be willing to accept his editorial revision I am sure he would give your MSS his sincere and devoted attention. But as I said Sasha will need the whole summer to recuperate and take a new lease on life. ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ You will agree my dear that intellectual strain of any sort,or any kind of excitment will help him to complete recovery. In any event I will keep you posted how far Sasha will be progressing and how far he will be in a condition to be of help to you.

For myself,it hardly needs assurance that I will be glad to read you MSS and give you my frnak and sympathetic opinion if you will be willing to accept it ~~xxxx~~ in the spirit it will be given.Do you think you will be able to rise to that without any of you old suspicion that I want to hurt you in any way? Meanwhile you ceetainly have my blessing,largely because YOU believe in blessings. And you have my friendship because I believe in it.

My summer will have to be devided between the care of Sasha and new lectures to prepare for my activities in England

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But if you should come our way I promise you a friendl y reception I am glad to hear that Constables are arrabgibg lectures for you. That must be because they are your publishers. Because I once wro wrote to Mr Sedlen asking whether publishers in England arrange lectures on the books they publish. He replied that that they never do.In fact I know that only one publisher is experimenting with lectures by their authors. The rest have never done it.But as I said Constables may feel that your speaking on your book will increase sales. I wish you success.

You will be interested to leanr that there is at last a cheap edition of Living My Life.Knopf seems to have sold the rights to the Garden City Publishing House and they got out an edition at $ 1,49. That should have been the rpice from the start. It might reach the people it was written for if the new publishers would advertise. So far I have seen no mention of it anywhere. I should say I know enough of publishers. They seem to think authors are here for them and not they for the authors.

Goodby dear Ben.To day is my visiting day in the hospital so I must rush. Give my love to Brutus. I have not forgotten his lovely visit.

Affectionately.

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Nice April 28th 36.

Dear Shloime. Of course you could not wait with the proof for my approval. You did right in sending it to the printer without delay. I would be in a sorry state about my return to England,if I did not feel certain that your judgment at times (I admit not very often) is alright. So you needed hesitate to go ahead whenever you think some job cannot wait. when the printing is done,please send me a dozen copies or so of the circular. The rest can go to Berr for hos use to the organisations he will write to.

If it were not for the fact that the non-dramatic societies also need something as an introduction to E.G. I would be against any further expence for printing. But I fear something will have to be sent along with the letter. For instance, a quot ation from Reynolds,or something of browns letter. It is sad that one before the public a life time should be so little unkonn in England.But there is no use deceiving ourselves. I am anunknown quantity in fmy new country". I am inclosing a letter from John Cowper Powys that I had intended for you to read while I was still in England. You will see what he has to say about E.G. Of course, he knows me from the States. Thats all the difference in the world. If you think a quotation from his letter might do for the non dram atic societies,please use it. In any event I must have the letter back. I want to keep it for future use. Be a good boy and returned it after you are through.

my dear dear Shloime,if I were not "too darned ready like the Catholics to fogive all faults" how could I make allowance for yours? What you do not seemm to understand is; that we have no right to assume that we are omnipotant to sit in judgment over the human

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heart and to direct its beat. all my life I had a horror for "the better than thou" attitude of people towards those whom they did not really now and whose actions they assumed to judge because it did not fit in with their own lack of complexities. I believe I have told you once that very rich natures who have and do give a lot can afford to some so called weaknesses. weaknesses that see so to the outsider.In reality these weaknesses only help to bring out the strength and beauty of the natures so lavishly endowed.

as to presenting you to Berkman "as a sanctimonious humbug".That is of course nonsense. Fact is I could not do such a thing if for no other reason,it would be because of my own protect ion. A nice opinion he would get of me for hobnobbing with a "sanc imonious humbug. Besides,he is still too ill to bother him with accounts of the friends I have made in England. In any event I would rather he learns to know you through yourself than through me. You see I am actually hoping that you may come to St Tropez for your holiday. The my old friend will be in a position to know one of my new friends. "Smart" eh?

And so you would "just love to tear me to piece for the joy of seeing me wriggle together again?" What a poor opin ion you have of yourself? Still, I have no objection for you to tr But don't balme me my dear if the wriggling will be entirely on your side. Out of objection to cruelty to animals I should never care to subject you to too much wriggling. So gracious to permit me to remain "whole" and so generous to do so for the sake of my chum. Can it really be that you do not need me? That would be sad

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You see dearest Shloime ones interest in others and all that we do for them is motivated in the last analysis by our need of them and our need to share with them. I hope therefore you dm too have great need of me, else you are likely to tire too quickly in what you mean to do for my return.

Sunday I spent with my own Auntie in Vence. It was my free day from the hospital ,and such a golden day. The trip to Vence takes only forty five minutes. So I went up and spent the whole day with AUNTIE, retuning to Nice the same evening. Poor Auntie came nearly losing her shop into which she had stuck ten years of strenuous labor and care. Some competitors of hers were trying to get her out on the rotten French law that decalres anyone bankrput who has his shp closed for any length of time. It was all a question of 2200 francs which one of her merchands with whom she had been tading for years could not collect in her absence. Fortunately she came back in time and had the help of the English Consul. Foreigners in France have no rights what ever that french law is obliged to respect. Auntie claims I did her much good with my visit, that I always give her inspiration and strength to go on. I dare say you do not believe it do you kid? Which reminds me that you wrote in your letter of the 20th. that Anties departure had taken the last AURA of E.G. Do you mean to tell me my AURA with you depends on others? How can you be so cruel?.

Thanks for the Reynolds. Yes, I do need a dozen more You see,my friends in America love to know what is being written

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about me. And tgey do want to look at my young,handsome and frivulous face.

Thats no trick to love you as you love me. For myself I should not be satisfied with so little.If you are,alright Xxxxxxxx.

No to something serious and that is Barr. What makes you say you are " a bit dubious about him? I admit he is slow as all English are. You are a Jew that makes all the difference in the world. But Barr is the very incarnation of the British character,xx very slow indeed. But he is devtion in the truest sense. He worked like a Trojan for my last tour. If the success was small it was not because Barr did not try his darndest. It was because he is not used to operating on a large scale. But outside of that he is a devoted and concecrated soul and he will do his utmost for my next tour as he did for the last. So please do not get a wrong idea about Barr. After all his interests in my return are conditioned in the ideas we hold in common and my usefulness to them. And that is a very strong xxxxxx element Please bear that in mind,my dear. It will help you to overcome you dubiousness.

You never say anything about Beryl.How is she? Not so driven by her cases,I hope. Give her my love. Her ears must have burned on Sunday because Auntie said so many nice things about her about which we fully agreed .

Whats become of my future " yong,handsome and decent secretary? I ask because I could use copies of the statement Doris Z. sent you. Please my dear do not change the date and have it typed on fine paper.My expence for postage is alrge enough

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28th. April, 1936.

Mrs. E. Colton,
c/o A. Berkman,
101, Blvd. de Cessole,
NICE,
A.M.,
France.

Dear Miss Goldman,

I am now back at the grindstone after an enjoyable cruise although it was cold nearly all the time.

I hope by now you have Berkman at the flat and that he has regained his strength. Will you please give him my best wishes.

I have instructed the printers to look out the plates of "PRISON MEMOIRS" and they shall go to Pitt and Scott for shipment to Mr.Philip Kapp, New York. I understand you wish to pay packing and insurance but freightage is to be collected from the consignees. Will you please send me a post card by return just stating the amount for which the plates are to be insured. The value really is the cost of typesetting which would have to be done if the plates were lost. Therefore I should insure for, say, £100. But I await your confirmation before instructing Pitt and Scott regarding this.

I do not see "Reynolds" every week but I have ordered a copy of the April 5th issue. You are fortunate to have offered to you the list of the secretaries of the Educational Dept. of the Co-Operative Societies. It is a list I have long wanted to have myself, and the list of the South Wales N.C.L.C. would be valuable too.

I was told when I returned to the office that Mr.Sutton would be getting in touch with me. If I don't hear from him shortly I will write to him and fix up another meeting with him.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,
C W Daniel

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Tacoma, Wash.,
April 28, 1936.

E.G.Coulton,
Bon Esprit Chemine,
St. Antoine, St.Tropaz,
Var., France.

Dear Emma,

I was pleased to receive your letter and to have your thots on what I expressed. As you say our letters are argumentive but it not to be regretted on my part as I benefit from them, though perhaps not commensurate ~~with~~ to the energy and exasperation that you expend in answering them. However, my selfishness still encourages me to continue. I hope that you do not take it as Dorothy does - that all my criticism or discussion is meant personally. It is not my intention and if sometime I might mention your life it is merely as an example and one in the terms of which you can best answer.

Since writing the last letter that I posted (I have written several since but destroyed them before mailing) I have undergone several developments and in some aspect decided changes in my mental outlook. At the time of writing that letter I was recovering, only to go thru more later on, from the straining and shattering of several social ideals that I had accepted thertofor. Since then I have recovered my mental equilibrium somehwat and realize that some of the contorted ideas I was developing resulted from the contact with those whom I have since severed connections. Even so I do not think that I will accept those ideals so whole heartedly again. Human nature may be a beautiful phenomenon but to expect it to be so, to be generous and healthy under such conditions as are prevailing is to wish for the impossible, at any rate, the improbable.

I am still with the IWW and have been working around this town most of the time. The narrow minded attitude of the IWW that you spoke of is present to a marked extent among the older members but I find that the younger members welcome a wider outlook than that which would be imposed upon them. I am in a fortunate position in some respects. I have sufficient IWW background and experience that I am accepted by the older members. In addition I am unorthodox enough to include my own opinions when asked to express an opinion. Naturally I come in for much criticism and jibing from those who have definite and inelastic standards of conduct and reasoning. Nevertheless, I can still manage to " bat them out" without them fazing me altogether.

As you no doubt are aware, the IWW is staging the first act of a comeback in these parts as well as getting a stronghold in one or two of the industrial centers in the east. The AFL managed to take advantage of the sentiment last year among the loggers and mill workers ~~last year~~ to line them up but the time honored disillusionment is setting in and there is no doubt in my mind that we will have a powerful organization in these parts shortly that will be the object of much bombardment from the masters.

The sentiment towards the IWW in these parts is inspiring. The fights that the fellow workers put up in the past were not in vain. An IWW member regarded highly in all circles of workers. Things have started to roll in Idaho among the shortloggers where the IWW has been organizing for the last ten months. A couple of strike conducted in the traditional IWW manner have gained their demands. This is going to give encouragement to the other members to swing into action there in the old style and when they do the long logger will drop the AFL like a hot brick. I have been aiding them to the best of my abilities by editing a Lumber Workers Bulletin and doing a little speaking.

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I have not entirely neglected the other aspects of our common ideal. The anarchistic tinge of my ideas, and it is a tinge from your point of view, occasioned interest on the part of several of the fellow workers. They have since become acquainted with anarchist literature as AB's Memoirs, Kropotkin's Memoirs and "Living My Life". We accumulating a few anarchist pamphlets as well. Two work on newspapers as reporters and one's wife is a librarian and the others is a mere "intellectual." All but the "intellectual" are fellow workers. One reporter was made solid thru reading anarchist literature on the state and Russia. The commies cast longing eyes at him for awhile but by the time we had him for two months they despaired of ever making him a good leader or follower.

He attempted to form the American Newspaper Guild here first and that is how we became interested in him. He considered the IWW too radical to appeal to the newspaper men. After the experience he had with them turning even the Guild down he decided he might just as well join a radical union and he lined up with us. Shortly afterwards the reporters approached him on their own and asked him to help organize a chapter of the Guild. It is improbable that for a long time that we will be able to appeal to these workers as a whole so we aided him in many ways to organize the chapter and when he wrote the by-laws of the local chapter they were made hole-proof from future dictators and official control. Since that we have learned that the formemost men in the Guild on the west coast are xxx wobbly or ex-wobbly. So Heywood Broun will not have such an easy time following out the dictates of the comintern in encouraging the affiliation of the Guild with the AFL.

They were all interested in your letter and intensified their interest in your book and anarchism in general. I explained to them what I had said that you were replying to and so gave us something to discuss. There was a suggestion of starting an anarchist group here but all that are interested are IWW members and felT that it would but diffuse their energy and efforts at a time when it would perhaps be fatal to the organization that they have develped here. One reporter is the movie critic and columnist and after reading Jay Nock's "Our Enemy: The State." has been showing in his reviews and column the influence that this idea of the state has had on him. Have you read it yet? In his review of the picture of Cecil Rhodes he came out quite strong with his impression of the state and I think that it is only overlooked because of the present opposition to the New Deal antics.

He and his wife were invited to Seattle to meet Anna Louise Strong who has been making a lecture tour. The invitation was intended I suppose to influence him by meeting such a celebrity personally and as yet I have not heard the results. The commies tried to it before with one of the college professors but the prof retired from the fray as soon as it got hot. Anna Strong spoke here but she showed the weakness of many with her background-- the utter misunderstanding and total ignorance of workers. She could not see the pride that skilled manual worker takes in his work. Her explanation of the higher wages being paid skilled workers in the USSR was that workers would not learn skilled trades unless an additional money incentive was offered. From my personal experience I know that she is wrong and if workers would not learn skilled trades and preferred unskilled work there was some other reason than monetary returns for it. Her description of organized efficiency in production as exemplified by the Red Army was revolting. Apparently the acme of perfect efficiency is to work as an army on march in her estimation. The sickening part to me was that all who heard her thot that it was great until I asked them to analyse the significance of what she said. Then the majority admitted that it wasn't what they would desire nor chose. She has offered to stay her and edit a new paper on the lines of the old "Union Record" that she used to edit. She also was requested to help organize the Wash. Commonwealth Federation which is slightly socialist party. She was granted a long leave from Moscow for these purposes for six months.

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Your answer re women and sex left me [illegible] bewildering. But before I go into that there are one or two things that I wish to mention that may or may not help to prove your point. "Living My Life", always impresses women more than it does men. To me, it's memoirs hold more but nevertheless I must admit that all the women that read your book are one in the opinion that it impresses them and that there is something that they have themselves experienced. Dorothy says that it is my sex and youth that renders me incapable of understanding this and feeling the same about it. Dorothy is, of course, personally biased there. It is my failing, and no doubt is what gives rise to my opinion on sex and moral opinions, that I attribute ~~feminine~~ moral feelings and standards of today as obtaining in the early days of your struggle. The little and relatively weak puritanic morality of today appears ridiculous in my eyes and I cannot conceive of people being come to be more ridiculous by adhering to more puritanic opinions. But facts show that they must have been. The attitude that some of the members adopt towards my relationship with girls give me grounds to assume that you are correct when you say that your comrades were opposed to you living your life.

Doesn't your explanation of the position in which a middle aged woman finds herself give strength to the idea that monogamous life marriage is a more satisfying institution? If she is to see all the men her age with young girls and young men ignoring her how satisfying is her new freedom going to be? Her sex will remain unsatisfied under these conditions and therefor to avoid this is she not justified in giving her allegiance to the traditional system of morality? It will at least give her some measure of assurance that she experience sex life, satisfactory or ~~xxx~~ otherwise, when the years have taken their toll of her physical appearance and structure. Perhaps you would discuss this aspect of it more fully because such thots had not entered into mine and now they have I would not care to state my opinions to anyone when they might influence as I would be haunted by the ghost of the future in the form of unsatisfied middle aged women. My inability to understand your struggle and other women of that time is outlined only by your inability to understand the greater freedom allowed women now that their lives are not so fraught with the fear of pregnancy. I still maintain a good deal of what I said in the last letter tho it may not have fitted other times as well as the [illegible]. Naturally your efforts to disseminate birth control knowledge has aided to make this possible but now that it is possible you cannot deny its implications and corollaries.

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I have soon to make a decision that is going to cost me a lot in some ways, particularily some very good friendships that have developed here. I have been asked whether or not I'll accept nomination for the secretaryship of the Canadian Admn. now that they have move headquarters to Toronto. It is not an easy decision to make but unless something unforseen happens I am afraid that I will accept. I would be happier here but will be more useful in those parts. There is so much ground work to be done there and I have a better knowledge of that district than any other member capable of handling the job. This will be an advantage of getting things under way. With the lack of finances and support that has attended our efforts in Canada so far it is necessary that the one who takes this position be able to keep the books, speak as well as organize and write a little. There is not another member in Canada at the present who is capable of doing this. I do not say this with any measure of egoism, It is the truth. Therefor I feel that I have no choice. Perhaps someone from this side will accept, though I doubt it.

No doubt, by the time I have acclimatized myself, new acquaintances will heal any hurts that may attend my departure, on my own part as well as on the part of those I depart from. I do not relish the having to stay in one place. I have travelled constantly in the last welves years and tho relatively speaking it isn't such a long time it has been the period in which I have accumulated my education and it has shaped my philosophy of life. It will always remain as the most important part of my life. I will feel that I am on the shelf on that town as it is a mental graveyard. It is the source of nothing but the excrescences of conservativism and traditional myths of greatness. Toronto is like Boston. It is not a place but an attitude.

By the way are you acquainted with the writings of Rober Briffault? I have been reading quite a bit of him in the last couple of years and enjoy his style and his ~~theories~~ sociological theories. But his "Breakdown of Traditional Society" is a bit of a sticker to me. It seems a little inconsistent in some places. I read it last year and I got one idea and on the second reading I get another so I suppose I must read it the third time.

I neglecting to rebut any statements that you may have made on many things but will write again and take you to account if there is anything that I feel is particularly important a matter to clear my minds on. I want to make this letter on the one stamp and also to get it finished in the one sitting.

So until you hear from me again I'll close.

Yours for the works.

Ben Taylor. Ben Taylor.

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Ty Cae Coed
Corwen
Merionethshire
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April 28 1936

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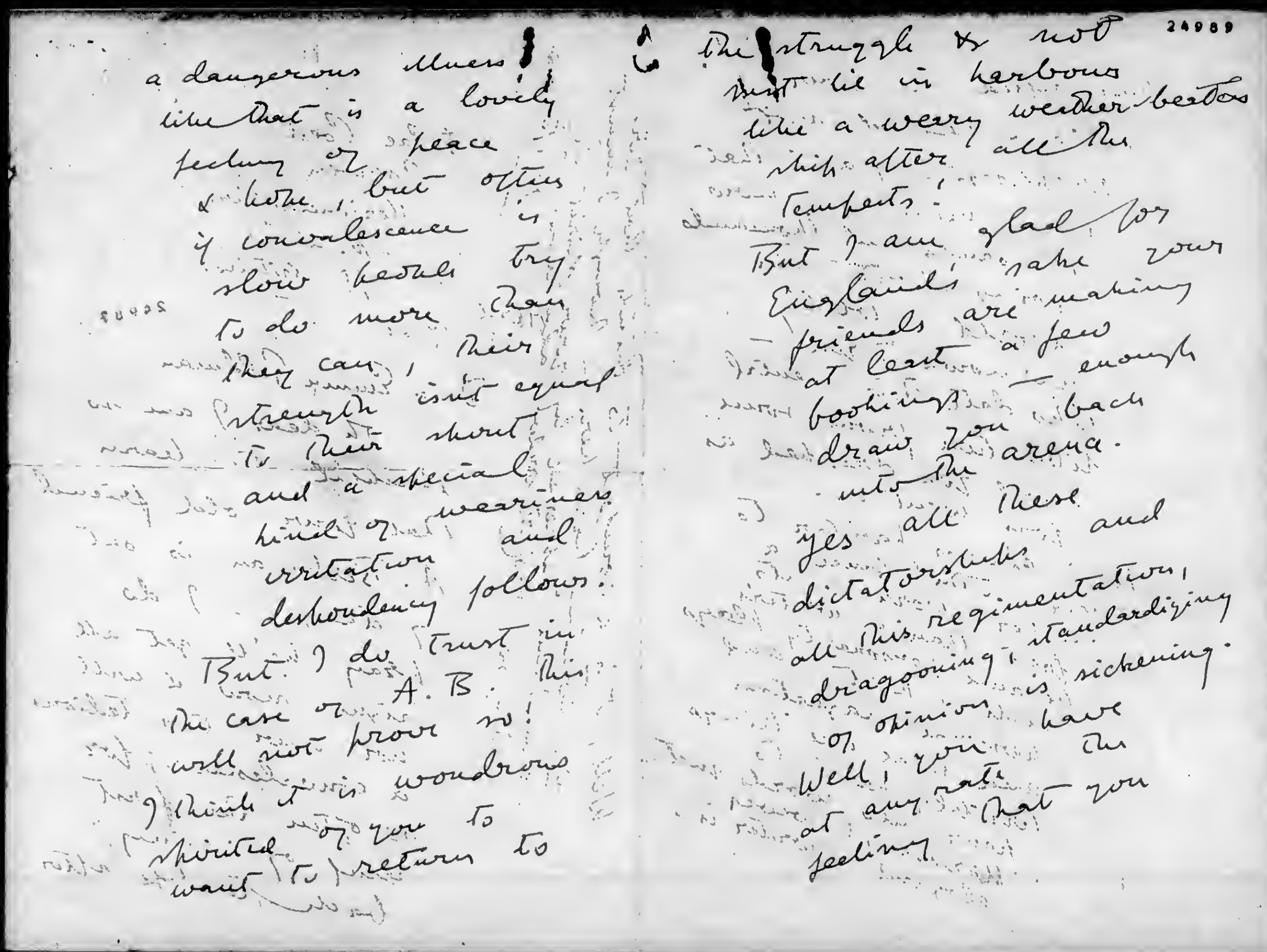
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7, Cae Coed,
Corwen,
Merionethshire,
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April 23th 1936.

Dear Emma Goldman,

Oh dear ! I am so thankful to learn that your old friend Alex Berkman is out of danger. I do pray that he'll get all right now and will not have too tedious a convalescence; for so often the first relief of coming back to life, after a dangerous illness like that, is a lovely feeling of peace and hope, but often if convalescence is slow, people try to do more than they can, their strength isn't equal to their spirit, and a special kind of weariness, irritation and despondency follows. But I do trust that in the case of A.B., this is not so !

I think it is wondrous spirited of you to want to return to the struggle and not just lie in harbour like a weary weather-beaten ship after all the tempests ! But I am glad, for England's sake, your friends are making at least a few bookings - enough to draw you back into the arena.

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Yours, (with wonder and admiration),

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28th April, 1936.

Dear Miss Goldman,

Thank you for your letter of April 23rd. I have pleasure in enclosing herewith the names and addresses of the secretaries of the Playgoers' societies and a few other important societies. There is, of course, no charge for the postage.

We have noted that you would like the May issue of "Drama" and any replies you may receive sent to Nice.

With all good wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

Frances Briggs

Miss Emma Goldman,
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P.S. I will send you more addresses if you would like them.

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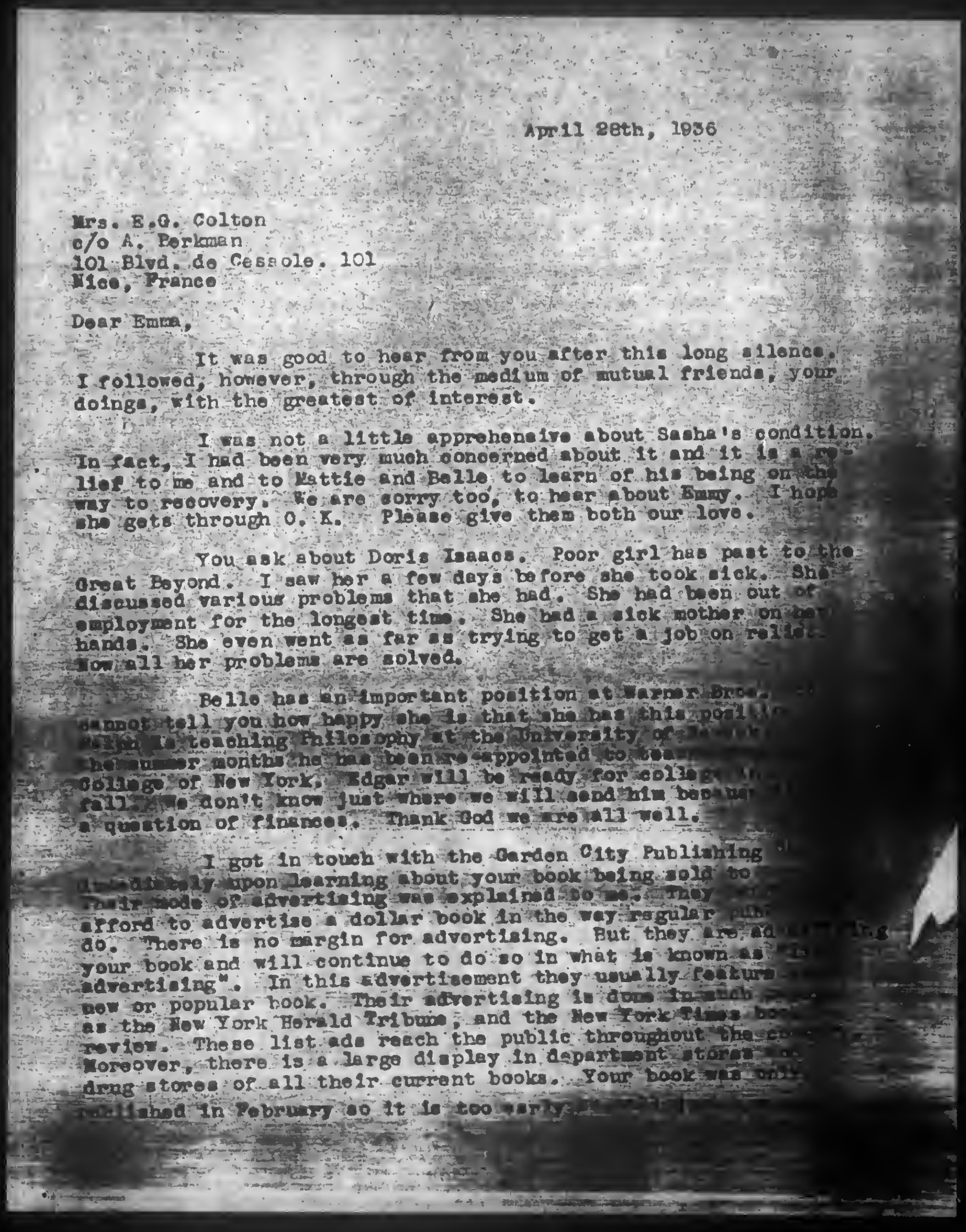
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April 28th, 1936

Mrs. E.G. Colton
c/o A. Berkman
101 Blvd. de Cessole. 101
Nice, France

Dear Emma,

It was good to hear from you after this long silence. I followed, however, through the medium of mutual friends, your doings, with the greatest of interest.

I was not a little apprehensive about Sasha's condition. In fact, I had been very much concerned about it and it is a relief to me and to Mattie and Belle to learn of his being on the way to recovery. We are sorry too, to hear about Emmy. I hope she gets through O. K. Please give them both our love.

You ask about Doris Isaacs. Poor girl has past to the Great Beyond. I saw her a few days before she took sick. She discussed various problems that she had. She had been out of employment for the longest time. She had a sick mother on her hands. She even went as far as trying to get a job on relief. Now all her problems are solved.

Belle has an important position at Warner Bros. ... cannot tell you how happy she is that she has this posi... Ralph is teaching Philosophy at the University of ... the summer months he has been re-appointed to tea... College of New York. Edgar will be ready for colleg... fall. We don't know just where we will send him bec... a question of finances. Thank God we are all well.

I got in touch with the Garden City Publishing ... immediately upon learning about your book being sold to ... their mode of advertising was explained to me. They ... afford to advertise a dollar book in the way regular pub... do. There is no margin for advertising. But they are ad... your book and will continue to do so in what is known as ... advertising". In this advertisement they usually feature ... new or popular book. Their advertising is done in such ... as the New York Herald Tribune, and the New York Times boo... review. These list ads reach the public throughout the c... Moreover, there is a large display in department stores ... drug stores of all their current books. Your book was onl... published in February so it is too early ...

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the book has been received. They expect a good reception.

With love from all at home and best wishes, I am, as always,

Devotedly yours,

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[Abraham Zubrin] Nice April 29th. 36.

Dear Comrade. Thanks for your letter of the 15th inst. and the check. I am going to the hospital this afternoon to see comrade Berkman and will take your letter to him. Or rather I will read him the fine sentiments about him your letter contains.

By the inclosed copy of letters I have written since my arrival here you will see how I found comrade Berkman. You may imagine my anxiety. I am so relieved, and I know you will be to let you known that our comrades has taken a step for the better. The process of his recovery will, of course, be very slow. But at least he is on the way. If only I could take him out of the hospital I am sure he would improve much quicker. Hospitals anywhere in the world are awful places. But the French are such sticks in the mud their care of the sick, like everything else here is terribly behind the times. Natrually comrade Berkman is growing restive. He is so eager to get home. But it would be fatal to rush matters. Well, comrade Berkman has survived fourteen years living death. He will surely survive the hospital. When he is home and able to make a short trip we will go to St Tropez where we usually spend the summer. The golden sunshine, the balmy air, complete rest, quiet and the right food will I hope give back to our comrad his former strength and vigor. For the present the comforting thought is that he is out of danger.

Yes, my struggle in England was no ~~xxxxxx~~ bed of roses. But I was more contented than I have been for some time. You see it is impossible for me to ~~xxxxxxx~~ go on living in France inactive! It would mean slow mental decay. Thousand times rather would I suffer physical inconviniences, hardships and even want than that. I must end my life as I began it, on the firing line. So I will go

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back to England in the Fall if only comrade Berkman has completely recovered. I am not deceived about my material chances in England, Lectures there do not yield even a very frugal living. ~~Nutxx~~ Yet it will have to be undertaken. Comrade Jeanne Levey in Chicago, (I do not know whether you have ever met her and Jay, her husband) who is a very competant worker has undertaken to publish my essay on THE PLACE OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETY and to sell it at 10 cents per copy. She is having 12,000 copies printed. She is going to induce the comrades everywhere to take a certain number of copi and dispose of them. In That way she hopes to realize $1000. I am not so optimistic except that I know how very efficient Jeanne Levey is. But whatever she will realize will enable me to hold out in England for a time without having to worry sick how to make end meet. I think I wrote you already that I gave her your name for Detroit. She will no doubt get in touch with you. Any help you will give her to spread the pamphlet will not only be a contribution t to our ideas but also to my efforts to infuse new life in our move ment in England.

Greetings to all comrades

To show you how able comrade Jeanne Levey is I want you to know that I sent her 25 copies of Sashas Memoirs which she disposed of in a few days at $2 a piece. She has already sent me the fifty dollars for comrade Berkman. I wish the Toronto group would succeed with the fifty copies I sent there. If you can dis pose of some in Detroit it would be of great help. Now that the ~~w~~ work is out of print and our comrade needs to be freed from material anxiety it ought not to be difficult to sell the great work for $2. Do you not think so?

I fear I will have to remain in Nice much longer than I thought because of the slow progress of our comrade ~~We Gaxto St Tropez~~ We leave for St Tropez. Intermally So please keep writing me c/o A.B. Our mail will be forwarded when

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Nice April 29th 36.

"earest Saxe. I ~~am~~ am so glad to get your letter. Of course,my dearest I do not doubt your love. But you never having been in exile cannot possibly know how one who is longs to hear from one's dearest and nearest. ~~My yes sorrowing wwww~~ It was fortunate that Stella sent me your letters to her.Else I should have been evers so much more anxious about you and yours. It is the same as I feel about Moes silence. I know how deeply Moe loves me.Yet not hearing from him or Babsie for months on end really depresses me frightfully.Some days almost beyond endurence. As I said,if not for Stella being the only one of the family who does write and often incloses your or mothers letters I should have been most unhappy. Well,my dear your silence will never have the least effect on my love for you or my faith in your love for me.But a fellow is sometimes lonely and does want to have a living contact with those one loves.

Stella had written me aboyt Smee.Why should she not knowing that I am deeply interested in all the members of our family. True Helenes children never loved me as much as your mothers.But I love them just the same. Of course I was most concerned about Smee.But the last letter of Stella infromed me that she was on the way of recovery. I hope it is really so. Please let me know if only by a postcard.

I cannot tell you how eagerly I am looking forward to hearing from Stella,or you how your mothers meeting with Ruth came off. Yes indeed she is luck to have had such devot ion as you gave her and Stella. I do not doubt it for a moment that the love and devotion helped to bring about ~~hxxx~~ Ruths improv ment more than the care in the hospital. If only Bob were not some

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what meshuge. We wrote me several letters.But I could make nothing out of them so I stopped writing. I am sure you are correct when you say Ruth must be made to realize that she has responsibilities to her baby and her own young life. And that what has happened to her was only a passing thing she must forget. I hope she will eventually. I do hope all went well with Ruth and mother. Indeed I realize what her illness must have meant to my poor sister. For her sake I would like to believe that the presence of my Lena brought Ruth to her senses. Please let me know.

Dear Saxe,you say you admire Sashas spirit in never complaining. I do too. But it often is like a double edged sward. It not only reacts badly on those near him.but even more so on himself. Sasha has been a sick man for a number of years.But because he would not give in it was the hardest thing in the world to get him to see a doctor.Not that I have such faith in medical men. Still,one should know one's troubles. To give you only one example, last summer while Stein was with us he noticed that Sasha is having great difficulties in passing urine. Stein at once said it was an infevted prostate and that he would need an operation. Do you suppose Sasha would tell me or Emmy about it? Not at all. It was Stein who wrote me the condition of Sasha and when I confronted him with it he gave Stein Hell and me as well because we had corresponded about the matter. He assured me he was feeling better when I left for England last November.

Imagine my shock when three months ago I recived the news that Sasha had undergone an operation on the prostate and that he would need another. Sasha wrote me he was geeting on nicely and he would wait with the second operation until my

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But as I was tied up with lecture dates I begged him in every letter to see his surgeon and make sure that the second operation can wait. Would he do it? No. Finally I got so worried I implored him to consult his man. That was five weeks ago. He did and the surgeon ordered him under the knife immidiately. The prostate was found very much enlarged and infected. That too I did not learn until i the operation was over. It was a very grave affair and Sasha lost a lot of blood. For ten days after he ran a high temperature. And when I arrived two weeks after the second operation I found Sasha in a frightful condition. Now all that was entirely unnecessary, downright childish I call that to make believe that all is well when one is in physical agony and in danger of ones life. Had I known about Sashas condition in advance I could have come back from England three months ago. For at that time I was ~~kicking~~ waiting for dates. I do not mean to say my presence would have made things easier for Sash. But I certainly would have preventd him from waiting for he operation until it was nearly too late.

Well, with all Sasha has gone through in life there must be some kind star watching over him. For about a week now he is daily gaining strength, is free from fever and he looks and feels a new born human being. I was to visit him this afternoon and I found him feeling so much better. But he will have to continue in the hospital for another week or ten days. Naturally S. is anxious to get home and we are equally anxious to have him. The Pasteur hospital like everything else in France is woefully behind the times. No trained care, just peasant women so called practicle nurses who ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ do not know the first principle of nursing. Actually the hospital during visiting hours is a market

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place, loud talking, running about, telephone and bells ringing. I go away from every visit with a splitting headache. So what must it be for our Sash. Then too there is no air, the windows kept shut airtight even in brillian sunshine. No wonder Sasha counts the days. But as I told him to day if he will not practice patience after the fourteen years in the western who should? He agreed.

Once S. will be in his own place he will pick up strength enough to come with me to St Tropez. There in the warm sun, the balmy air and lovely garden we hope to bring Sasha back to his old self. I was told by a specialist on prostates that operations often have the tendency to rejuvinate men, make them much stronger and more alert mentally. I hope fervently that may be the case with Sasha. ~~He~~ Not only had he been ill physically, but also he had grown indifferent to everything and he used to tire mentally so that the least effort to write ~~me~~ even a letter was an effort to him. He went through sheer tortures when he translated Rockers MSS. It may all be different once Sasha has completely recovered. I long for that day as for nothing else.

Emmy also had the devils own time. She was in a worse state all winter than she had been for a long time. Sashas illness and operation completely finsihed her. She had a relapse and also went into the hospital for observation. They discovered that she too would need an operation. She also said she would wait for my return. well, since I am back she has been feeling so fine that she would have no operation. which is but right. The trouble is she be be overtaken by one of her violent attacks any day. But for the present she is alright.

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Saxe darling I would not embarass you in re any [illegible] of mine for anything in the world. I merely wanted to hear what you think about the possibility of a book of essays. I myself have so little faith in it that I was not in theleast surprised that you should think as I do. About the drama book you may also be right though I see any number of works on the drama and the theatre publsihed in america and England. I am not so crazy about writing that I would go out of my way to canvass publishers. On the other hand I do not feel [illegible] the slightest urge to write reminiscences. If L.M.L. did not pay for itself why would anything else of a personal nature? Besides, I will need every bit of energy when I returned to England in the fall to establish myself. I will have no time for writing. By the way Knopf sold the rights [illegible] of L.M.L to the Garden City Publishing House and they got out a cheap edition, at $1.49. Had Knopf doen that when I returned to the States and had he advertised the book would have become,if not a best seller, at least a good seller. But Knopf botched the chances of my book from the very beginning. I have no hopes it will reach a large public even now. So why write more?

Evelyn Scott is in America. I do not know her address.But I will write to her husband,Metcalfe who is in England and have him forward my letter so she can get in touch with you. I don't know what her toruble with her publishers was.But Evelyn is not the type to accuse anybody without ample provocation. Whatever it is I hope you can straighten matters out.

I am so glad the kiddies are thriving. Hug them for me Give my love to Dorothy. It is awful that gifted people must struggle so materially. But when have talent not struggled?

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"axe dearest, when you write me tell me about Ian. I am very keenly interested in the kid. How is he getting along in college. Just what is he studying? Is he still a devout Commun ist? Is he developing along broad lines? No matter how far we have drifted apart, I mean Ian and I. my love for him since his very birth has not decreased. Of course Stella sometimes writes about Ian. But I would like to have your opinion. I don't give a damn what his political leanings are just so he is sincere. and not bigotted. Give him my love if he cares about it.

Goodby dearest "axe. Do write me a little more often like a dear.

with love.

Until the end of May we are sure to be in Nice. My address is c/o "asha.

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Bearsville, April 30th

Dearest:

I keep wondering about Sasha all the time. Your last which came a few days ago was more encouraging than your enclosure to Fitzie, so I sent it on to her, knowing how worried she is I am hoping that with you to care for him our Sash will soon be well and strong again. Give him my devoted love. Then there will be Emmy's operation. I hope that will soon be over and you will all be together in Bon Esprit.

Mother stopped over on Sunday for two days on her way back to Rochester. She was very discouraged, poor darling. You see she hadn't seen Ruth at her worst and her present condition shocked her. Ruth's lack of will, her great mental distress and the fact that no one can awake any interest in her. The dottor at Medical Centre assured Mother that Ruth's recovery was a matter of time and that was slow, but Mother feels her own life is drawing to a close, she will be 74 in August, so the time element is very important to her. She left day before yesterday for Rochester. She herself is very well, she tired more easily but won't give in.

While she was in N.Y. Isy Miller motored her out to Moe's. She found him in splendid shape, working full time, but poor Babs was in the throes of one of her terrible attacks. Mother said it was pitiful. She told me we wouldn't recognize Allen, the winter with Moe has worked wonders, he is the picture of health, is brighter and more alert, and his speech has improved amazingly -- quite a different boy. It looks as if Bessie will consent to his staying with Moe and Babs another year

I really do not miss N.Y., darling, I was very glad to get back home. Large cities when you are poor are no fun, when you can't go and eat a decent meal out, or go to a theatre or concert. Here in the country, especially in the Spring, life seems simpler and much more beautiful. The radio is a great help - last night we heard Toscanini's farewell, in greater comfort than if we were seated in Carnegie Hall. Last Sunday afternoon we heard the entire concert. I tried to buy seats to several things in N.Y., couldn't get them, and only saw MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL. I am asking Saxe to send you a bound copy of BURY THE DEAD to Nice.

I am hoping that the next mail will bring better news. Give my love to Emmy. I do hope there is relief in sight for her. My love to Albert and Helene. Are they on a holiday?

Jan comes home May 26th for the summer and will earn his keep posing for Teddy. In the meantime he organized a special class in economics under Hacker, a radical professor, who occasionally writes for the Nation. His devotion to Mother is touching. He adores her. There is quite an affair between them, which pleases me.

Davy is in splendid shape and so is Teddy. We work away every day and I seem to get so little time to myself. They both send you and Sasha their warmest love.

Devoted love, darling. I pray for good news.

Stella

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111. Browning Road.
Enfield.
30/4/36.

My dear Emma

My news agent didn't deliver the "Observer" last Sunday, hence this unavoidable delay. I have since been on to the Observer office who informs me that they are prepared to forward papers direct to you for a round 4d. per copy. This represents a saving, and I shall be pleased if you will kindly inform me until what date you propose to remain in Nice, to arrange the papers being sent there and finally to U. Tapers.

I saw Barr this week and gave specific instructions — he doesn't move a stinking inch without getting a kick in the pants. Thank goodness I do not wear large size boots.

So you have seen Amalie, and I suppose you embraced in the good old Latin fashion. I hope she gave you all the love I sent to you through her. It seems a long while since she left and it appears years since you went. Still, it's no use worrying — time always flies.

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This my day in at the Office and had a defaulters Court as well. I have had a "bust" up with one of the Justices and feel all the better for my outburst. I am still working hell for leather but I can discerne the end rapidly approaching. But Registration (Register of Electors) has to be commenced so this means another 7-8 weeks hard going in May & June for which, if lucky, we get paid in November.

Tomorrow (1st May) I am staying at home and will give some attention to a thousand and one odd jobs that require doing.

Second weather has at last come here too and believe me we needed it.

All the very best to you
with heaps of love
— Adams

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arling Milly. This time you acted quickly I must say. So I have to forgive you your previous tardyness. I am sending some letters for your father to read. Then you can make me some copies of the as soon as you possibly can and as many, espefially of the Rudolf letter and Roger Baldwin. I mean my letter to Rudolf not Berkman or his letter to that Chicago editor.

I am terribly sorry to learn that you are still minus a job. I would give much to have you here. You know what a rotten typist I am. In addition long hours at the machine give mefrightful aches in my neck and spine. Yet I must do all my correspondence myself. It is very trying. But beggars are not choosers. I have an idea that I might get back to Toronto quicker than you will come to me. I don't know what else I will do. I simply can't write with the response to the appeal so poorly. And I can't make myself heard in Europe. So whats the use hanging around. Of course I must stick it out until the autumn when I may go to England, and perhaps also Holland. I have a plan about Canada which if it can be carried out may bring me back sooner than I thought. But in any event it will not be before next year, We will see.

Not a word from Montreal. A nice lot theyare, as pecially our boy friend. He is like so many, out of sight out of heart.

Please my dearest do the copies and send them back at your earliest convinience.

evoted love.

Emma

I board copies of my letter to Rudolf & No copies of such a letter I make Roger Baldwin Yes

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reasonable people. They want their chi;dren to be in their imagie. Now it does not matter how advanced,fine and big parents are it is yet a mistake to attempt to mold their children according to their patern of life. The young must go their way as we did. In fact if they have character thoy will insist on going their way whether we hink that way good or not. So be patient with Olga.She is so young and there is no saying how she will develope. In any event I will be delighted if I can help Olga in whatever direction. And if later your son will turn to me you bet he shall have the sympathy and understanding I am capable of giving.

Coodby my dear Shloime.I think of you always with deep affection and warmth for the interest you have already shown in me and my work. Love to Beryl.

Devotedly

You can if you happen to think of it inclose couple of 2,1/2d stamps in your letters. I may need them to send stanpt envelope t to the drama societies. Liza sent me two dozen and I have only two left. I see the Observer continues. Aren't you reading it? Else please do not spend unnecessary pennies.

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C/o The American Express Co.
2, rue du Congrès. Nice A.M. France.

G.E.Rushworth Esq.
Sect.Huddersfield Thespians,
2,Westgate,
Huddersfield.
Angleterre.

Dear Sir. You may have seen my circular insetion in the current issue of the Drama Magazine. But in case it has escaped you I am ~~adding~~ taking the liberty to write you regarding possible bookings for a lecture doubt before your society. May I say that I have on previous occsaions lectured for the Playgoers in Manchester,Liver pool,Bristol, Bath, Norwich, Convetry and Plymouth. And I already have several engagements for my forthcoming tour which is to begin the third week in Oct. May I hope therefore that your group may also care to have me speak.

My fees vary according to the exchequer of the organisations who engage me. The regular fee is five guineas, railwy fare and hospitality. But I have consented to speak for three and where the grouos were very small and unable to pay even that amount I have consented to accept 2 guineas. I have done so because I wan to reach as many of the theatre and drama societies in England as possible. I may say here that my sole income is from my pen and my lectures.

In mentioning the American Drama I wish to say that I not only discuss Eugene O'Neill whom I know perosnally but also the works of Clifford Oddets and other recent interesting plays, as well as the developement of the modern American Theatre.

As I am summering in the South of France you can write me here. Hoping to hear from you soon.Sincerely

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My own, beloved Davy.

This will reach you on your birthday. The tenth, isn't it? Five years ago you were with me in St Tropez. Do you still remember the birthday party I gave you? How I would love tobe near you to give you even a better party this birthday. Or still better to have you mother and dad, and Ian of course in St Tropez for your birthday. I think you would like it there better now. I understand you have become an expert fisherman. St Tropez would therefore be just the place for you this summer. Well, perhaps some other year. When ever you will come to me I will love it.

For this birthday I inclose a small gift. I wish it could be as large as my love. Than it would have to be sent in a special truck trunk. As the gift can never be so large you will have to be satisfied with the inclosed. I take you in my arms and wish you health and lots of fun.

Devoted love to you my darling

Emma

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Nice May FIRST.36.

Dear Comrade. Your letter of April 17th to comrade Alexander Berk man arrived only this morning. I cannot understand why it should have taken so long to reach Nice. I hasten to reply myself as comrade Berkman is ill in the Pasteur Hospital in this city. In the last 34 weeks comrade Berkman had to undergo two operations. And while he is on the way to recovery he is still too ill to do any writing. In fact it will take the whole summer before our comrade will be in condition to ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ make any kind of effrot whether physical or mental.

By the inclosures you will see all about our com rades illness and my doings in England as well as my plans for further work in that country. You will also see that though my thoughts were with my old co-worker and life long friend I could not come to his bedside until my dates in England were finished. it was extremely painful as you can well imagine. I am back at last since the 6th of last month.

About yourrequest in re Mooney you will find the entire sotry in my autobiography. If you have not a copy of Living My Life you could borrow it from Mrs Coops who I sent the two volumes. Or you could get one from America. A cheap edition of ~~$xxxx~~ $1.49 appeared in America recently.It was issued by the Garden City Publishing House,Garden City New York. Any book dealer can get it ~~xxxxxxxx~~ for you. The part played by comrade Berkman in the Mooney and Billings affair has nowheres been discribed as minutely as in my work. So you will do well to read Living My Life.

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Also,you could write to the Tom Mooney Molders Defense Committeee P.O.Box 1475 X. San Francisco Calif for recent material. I am sorry I cannot let you have the material comrade Berkman has on hand,first because I cannot do it without his consent,and I cannot bother him with it now.And secondly because he wants to keep everything on file in his collection of the Moonye and other material. I am sure you will be able to get everything by writing to San Francisco. Tell the you want to get out a special Mooney number of The Syndicalist. It would be well to send the Committee a little money.For they have a terrible lot of expences in their campaing.

Dear comrade if I were not so worried about comrade Berkman and all my time taken up in visiting him at the hospital I would write something for your Mooney issue. Maybe when comrade B.is so far better that I can take him to St Tropez for his convalescence I will send you a letter of my own impressions of the frame up. You see I was in San Francisco on the day of the bomb exploison and for three weeks afterwards when comrade Berkman worked day and night to start the Mooney defense going. But as I said you will find all that in Living My Life.

By the way, should you get a copy of my auto biography and reviewed it for the Syndicalist you might mentinn the fact that the book can now be had for $1,49.

Just as soon as comrade Berkman is out of the Hospital and has gained enough strength to make a short trip to St Tropez we will go there. The golden sunshine, the ablmy air, complete rest and quiet and good food will I hope restore or

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our comrade to his old sttength and vigor. But I do not think he will be in condition before the end of this month to come with me to St Tropez. So you can keep writing me C/o A.Berkman 101, Blvd de Cessole Nice A.M.

Please remember me kindly to your family. Fraternal greetings to all the comrades.

Fraternally.

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Nice May First. 36

Dear Philip.

The check for $100,you sent Sasha arrived yesterday. Your letter to me came to day. Thanks a lot for your good letter. I am so glad to get your explanation about the plan for Sasha you have in mind. I dare say it will be difficult to achieve very much during the summer.But you are right in planning hpw to go about in the early ~~fa~~ autumn. I do hope though that it will be possible for the Commit ee to raise enough to keep our sick comrade going over the summer. One of the contributary factors to his illness has bee his mental stress that he had no work and did not e rn his living. It will be imperative this summer to have Berkman freed from that. Of course his illness was due to his prostate conditon. It caused all other misrty which our comrade suffered for some years without knwoing the cause. We have great hopes that the two operations grave as they were, especially the second one will result in some sort of rejuvination. I was told by a specialist that this is ofte the case. But for the present our comrade is making very slow progress. I wrote you a card about his condition. I had hoped then we might have him out of the hospital the end of this week,or early next. I am afriad that is not to be. His wound is not healed and until this takes place he~~xxxxxx~~ will not even be permitted to leave his bed. And then it will take a week before he will be released from the hospital. It is no use rushing matters. Patience is the main thing now. But as I told my dear oldchum,after 14 years in the Westenr Pennitentiary he surely will not grow impat ient because of an extra week or two.

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I realize that a new generation has come to thefore in the Labor movement of America. More reasons to have a new edition of A,Bs' Memoirs. It will serve a double purpose,it will acquaint the young generation with the heroic strgulle for Labor of A.B and certainly will prove easier to dispose of the book than to canvass theatre tickets,or such things . Over and above it will satisfy our comrade a great deal more than raising money by appeals of benifits.

I wrote you that I was writing the English publishers about the plates of he Memoirs. I had a reply from hims that he would have them shipped. He asked me about the insurance and he suggested that the plates should be insured in £100. They are certainly worty that. The resetting would probably cost even more. I have written Mr Daniel to day to go ahead with the insur ance and the shipment. I had to ask him to send the plates collect as it is less bother to do it from here. I did tell him though that if there is any hitch I would pay for the insurance and the packing of the plates but that the cost of shipment would be paid from your end. I do not think it will be much,and that you will not mind. Of course the bill of lading will be sent to you.

I thought I had written my return address on the back of the envelope. I must remain in Nice until comrade Berkman is out of the hospital and has regained some strength to permit him to come wi h me to St Tropez. I have no idea when that will be.So please continue to write me c/o A.Berkman 101, Blvd de Cessole,Nice A.M. France.

You cannot imagine how much it means to A.B. and me to have your interest, that of the other comrades and friends,

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in and out of the Labor and Anarchist ranks. Of course I know how poverty stricken our groups are. The greater and deeper the inspiration that you and other active workers in the trade union movement have remained devoted to comrade Berkman. The consciousness of the warm solidarity and friendship will go a long way to sustain my sick co-fighter towards complete recovery. will you tell his to all the friends who have and will help you in your plans for A.B.

I was to visit my sick comrade in the hospital to day. But this is May First which many of the French workers observe,no vehickle of any sort to be had. And the hospital is very far away from Nice. It this amusing in a way that we who have worked for May First as Labors holiday should be hadnicapped on this day in time of illness. But that is nothing compared with the experience A.B. and I had six years ago. It was also the First of May when A.B. was taken out of his flat early in the morning rushed to the police station and expelled the same evening. I was franticall trying to get in touch with someone who might hold up the expulsion.But I could not get connected on the phone.ar And when I got out on the street I iscovered that there was no car bus,underground or auto to be had. Such is the irony of life. I will see our comrade tomorrow and add a line about his condition!

fraternal greetings to all the comrades.

Cordially.

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Nice, May 1st. 1936

To,
E.C. Carbo
For the Group
"Los Iguales"

from E.G.

Dear Comrades,

I regret exceedingly that I do not know Spanish and too little French to write in this language. I hope you will find someone who will be able to translate this.

Your letter to Comrade Berkman of Feb. 27th. reached him almost on the eve of an operation for which he had to go to the hospital. Since then, but for a few weeks at home, too ill to write to you, our comrade has undergone a second operation and is still in hospital. He is slowly recovering. But it will take some time before Comrade Berkman will be well enough to answer your letter or many others that will come to him.

Had I been in France I should have written you; but I was in England, en tour. I returned only the 6th. of last month and I have been too anxious about the illness of Comrade Berkman to find time or inclination to correspond much. Today I feel somewhat relieved because my old friend and co-fighter Alexander Berkman is feelinf better. I have therefore decided to answer the questionaire you sent to him. I do so on my own account. I am rather sure that our comrade would agree with my idea in this matter. But he will write you himself in due time. So please take this as my opinion.

First, the question as to whether the obstention from participation in elections is for Anarchists a matter of principle:-

I certainly think it is, and should be for all Anarchists. After all participation in elections means the transfer of ones will and decisions to another, which is contrary to the fundamental principles of anarchism.

Secondly, since Anarchists do not believe in the Jésuitic formular of the Bolsheviki that "the end justifies the means", it is but logical for Anarchists not to consider political participation as a "simple question of tactics", since such tactics are not only incompatible with Anarchist thought and principle, but also injure the stand of Anarchism as the one and only truly revolutionary social philosophy.

Thirdly, "Can Anarchists, without scruple, and in face of certain circumstances exercise power during transition period?"

I confess I was surprised to see such a question come from Spain, which has always stood out to us in all countries, as the high water mark of Anarchist integrity and consistancy. Even without the experience of the Russian Revolution and Soviet claims for the transition period, I should not have expected the Spanish Anarchists to be carried away by that term, in the name of which every crime against the Revolution has been committed by the Communist Party in Russia;- the claims the power is inevitable during the transition period. Unless the comrades in Spain, now in favour of the same Jesuite contention, imagine that they are so much wiser and and incorruptible than others, I cannot understand how they can possibly aspire to power.

From its very inception, Anarchism and its greatest teachers, have maintained that it is not the abuse of power which corrupts everybody,

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the best more often than the worst men,but that it is the thing itself, namely power,which is evil and which takes the very spirit and revolutionary fighting strength out of everybody who wields power. Does not Russian reality stand as a living example of this fact? Surely the Spanish Anarchists who now are willing to accept power and use it,do not imagine themselves more heroic,more consecrated than the Russian masses who have fought,and bled and died for the Revolution. Yet see what the snare of power during the transition period has done to the masses and to the Revolution. It has emasculated the Revolution and enslaved the masses. It has relegated the aims to the dim distanse and has turned the transition stage into the aim in the name of which every crime in Russia is being justified by the masters of Russia nad their followers. Precisely the same thing would happen to Anarchists were they to seize power.Not only would they not"hasten the march towards the realisation of Anarchism,they would sink into the swamp of corruption and demoralization inherent in all power.Namely they would cling to power and forget their Anarchism. There is no reason whatever to believe that the Anarchist would not succumb to the same influence as the Socialists and Communists have.

However there is ample excuse for Marxians ,since they believe in and propagate the State,they also believe in and propagete power. But how can the Anarchists,whose social philosophy repudiates the State,all political power,all governmental authority,in short every sort of power and authority over their fellow man,how can they take and exercise power? To me it is a denial of Anarchism and a most dangerous tendency which,if carried out is likely to undermine ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ whatever advance and recognition as a revolutionary fighting force the Anarchists in Spain have represented for so long. Moreover,if they should take power and use it(and power is here for no other purpose but to be used against the very masses who voted them into office) the Anarchists would do incalculable harm to the movement in Spain, and to us in the rest of the world. I am inclined to believe that the participation of some of our comrades in the election has already discredited our work.

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Friday May First 36.

Dearest Sash. Emmy insists on going up to you on foot. She hopes to get some lifts on the way. I hope so too. How I wish I could walk so far. To day I should have loved to be with you, more than at other days. we have worked so hard for this Day. It is but right that we should pay the price of inconvinience. I never minded it before. But I did mind it terribly six years ago when they dragged you to the Prefecture and I could find no vehickle of any sort to take me to you, or get in touch with anybody by phone to hold up your expulsion. And I do mind it to day when you are in the hospital and I long so much to visit you. Alas, for the pain in my old legs. I suffer considerably without walking long distances. Of course I would do it, if you were not so much better, or need anything you needed. You know that, don't you my dear old chum? I am glad Emmy is going. It will be a pleasant surprise to see her.

Dearest Sash with all the currupion of the first of May it still remains a vivid and precious memory of our youthful dreams. I am still foolish and giddy enough to believe that some day the first of May will be as spontaneous to the masses as it was conceived, a real liberating holiday and not an offical expression. For the present I am really glad that the workers in France, or at least a large part of them, keep this day. They do it in Russia of course. But you and I know how offical and arbitary the holiday is.

I have asked Emmy to buy you for me a red rose or carnation. Just the symbol of our friendship, hopes and faith in our glowing past and in the still more glowing future for humanity. I am coming to see you tomorrow my dear. I hope you are getting better and better in every way. I hope and long for your release from the hospital. Devotedly

Emma

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Dear Mr Daniel. Thanks a lot for your letter. I am delighted to know that the cruise has done you good. Yes, I can imagine it was cold. This is supposed to be the part of France for warm weather. Since I am back April 6th I have only known one warm day, and that only until three o/c. It has rained most of the time and the chill has been almost as oenetrating as during the wonter in England. Worse luck the central heating is turned off on the first of April and France has not even the redeaming feature of England, a fire place. I do hope though it is warmer in London.

I found Berkman in a very run donw condition and with a high temperature without a let up for ten days. But two weeks ago his condition turned for the better. He still runs a small temmperature but not enough to worry about. He is gaining strength that is certain.But the wound has not yet closed completely and he still passes urine through a catheter. Naturally he is still kept in bed. we are hoping though that he may soon be permitted to get up for a few hours a day. And in a week ot two he may be in condition to be taken home. After that will come St Tropez.There in the golden sunshine, the balmy air, the soothing quiet, rest and the right diet I hope to bring my old chum back to his old strength and vigor. I dare not make plans too soon. Certainly I will still be here until the end of May. By the way, you can write me c/o A.Berkman,101, Blvd de Cessole,Nice A.M. Stupid of me,I thought I had given you the American Express in this city as my address. I see now it was c/o A.B. Thats dirright then.

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I dare say Sutton will get in touch with you. I know he is very keen to make my return possible. Any suggestion or help you can give I will greatly appreciate. So far we have not yet received the list of the Co-Operative Societies, or rather of the Educational Dept. But I think we will soon. The list of secretaries of the N.C. L.C. is contained in a booklet called EDUCATION FOR EMANCIAPTION.It can be obtained by writing to the Head Office of the N.C.L. and by the inclosure of 3d. I am writing Sutton to get that booklet.

We have inserted a circular in the May issue of the British Drama League Magazine which will reach 4500 organisations. Surely something will come of all this in the way of bookings. But whatever happens I am fully determined to come back,if only Berkman will gain back his health. I am seeing him tomorrow and will convey your kind greetings.

Cordially.

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Frank, my Dear.

Why do you never write? True, I myself had seemingly neglected you. Yet you have never been out of my thoughts. It is only that I found the struggle in England very bitter indeed. In addition was thw worry and anxiety about our beloved Sasha so ill in Nice and I tied by engagements which I coouold not break. What this meant to me you will surely understand. So you see my dear, dear splendid comrade why I have not written for so long.

I inclose copy of a letter written to a comrade in Milwaukee. It will tell you all about Sashas illness and also about my "achievements" in England. Nothing to boast about is it dear? Still it was more satisfactory ro stuggle on even if the results were infinitissimal than to continue agged in France. For this reason I am planning to return to England, perhaps to settle there as far as I will settle anywheres outside of America, or feel at home . I must end my life as I began on my the firing line. However it will depend on Sashaw complete recovery whether I will go to England in the autumn or not. I am going to see our suffering comrade in the hospital this afternoon. I will add a line about his condition.

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group for the magazine,one to the Freie Arb. Stimme, one to the Syndikalist in Holland,So it will be in our Press. Still the groups in Chicago may want to have it in a direct way.So please let them read it. Do write me my dear and tell me what you think of my reply.

Dear,dear Frank I miss terribly hearing from you. I can imagine that you must be having a difficult time if you could keep silent so long. Do not let the change in our relat ion effect our comradeship and friendship. After all that is the most precious, an everlasint closeness that neither distance or time should destroy . So please write me soon.

Remember me affectionately to Mary, to Harie.. and fraternally to all the comrades.

With love always.

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111, Brewning Road,
Enfield.

4th May 1936.

Dear Emma

I am sorry I have not written earlier. I have not been very busy - only very lazy!

Your letter arrived today, and as the great Sutton (in a conversation over the 'phone) mentioned he was writing you, I read him the letter (also over the 'phone). If you receive a very loving letter from him this time please do not be alarmed, because as in reading your letter I added a few remarks and endearing passages here and there — just to give him the necessary stimulation. He isn't very brave — excepting

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perhaps in company or occasionally in letters.

Please do try to persuade him to visit you this summer. It will do him good — and I. He seems to think I would miss him so terribly and be at a complete loss without him. I would miss him — because I still happen to love him, but I think the change would do us both good. It's only his conceit again!

This is an example of my disgusting writing — I've been doing a lot of housework and it always makes my hand very shaky — too strenuously perhaps.

We miss you. I was not pleased to see you depart. I effaced myself at the station because there were many others who wanted to monopolise you.

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111, Browning Road,
Enfield.

I expect to go in for my
driving test in another week. It
will be a good thing when over.
It has almost resulted in stand up
fights, because my Lord says I am
obstinate and I say he is a
bully. I refuse to be bullied –
and I am obstinate.

Well I must be off now
for my evening visits — two
babies this week, both girls. Both
mothers bitterly disappointed.

Jimmy Sutton has been
working hard over Annette's
affairs and there is no need
for her to worry.

All good wishes to
you invalids and yourself.
Beryl.

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Yet was good of you to think of my son Dempo, but it is not advisable for you to send him any cards — not yet. I know he would love it, but he has a MOTHER.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF STEPNEY. 6192

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I will return Mr. Pondy's letter in my next.

238, [illegible] STREET,

[illegible] GEORGE'S, E.1

4/5/36

My dear Emma

I am sorry about the errors in the names but as you are aware it is too late to make the correction. Moral.. don't trust even me. I have ordered the additional copies of "Reynaldo" but they are not yet to hand.

Last Saturday I received a distressing letter from Aunnie, and I immediately got busy on her behalf. The work and office had to go by the board on that day. Anyhow, be assured I am doing all that can possibly be done. She is a good sort, added to which she is a pal of yours, that's good enough for me.

I am sending the Observer (under separate cover) and don't forget to give me dates as to your stay in Nice etc as I am going to instruct the papers to be sent direct.

I am grateful for your lengthy letters — they provide food for thought.

Always yours Shloime

Yes, I'm doing more and will forward them direct. — I am sorry for Ida will, you know, she is past it. She will have a hell of a husband, he will take it's well in hand.

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Nice May 5th 36.

Cyril Chantler Esq.
est. Blackpool
First Nighter
Playgoers Society
Talbot Chambers,
Opposite North Pier
Blackpool
England.

Dear Sir.

The Drama Magazine of this month contains a circular of my lecture series which I intend to treat during my forthcoming tour through England in the autumn and next winter. In case this has escaped you I am taking the liberty to write you in regard to the matter. It may interest you to know that I have lectured before quite a number of Playgoers Societies and Dramatic Clubs in England before. Amonth them to mention only a few were the Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Bristol, Plymouth and Coventry Playgoers and Repertory Circles. I am therefore no stranger in England. In point of fact, I have been asked by the groups who know my work for dates for their autumnal and winters Syllabus . Perhaps your Society may care to avail itself of my return to England.

As regards my fee; in view of the different size and material conditions of the drama and playgoers societes in England I also had to vary my fees. The large organisations have paid me 5 guineas. Others again only 3. I have made exceptions for small amateur groups in charging them 2. I can do this only on rare occasions and because I do not wish to discrimante against such eager bd poor groups. For the rest I have always found it best to permit the organisations to use their kindly discretion. I never had reasons to complain. Of course the fees do not include railway fare and hospitality.

Hoping to hear from you soon.
Sincerely

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Nice May 5th 36.

My dearest Babsie. You must have been wondering why you have not heard from me in reply to yours of April 15th and the Express oreder for $35 it contained. Well, the letter did some travelling It went to St Tropez. From there to the American Express Co in Paris. And from there to the American Express Co here. I got it only to day.

My dear, my dear have you any idea what hearing from you again after six months means to me? I do not think you know my sickening longing for a sign of life from you and Maishe. Some times it seems I cannot endure the pain any longer, that I, would have to cable Stella to go out to you and write me how you and Moe are. Last week I wrote Bessie again. I implored her to see you and tell you not to neglect me so much. Just a card if nothin else would reassure me. Yes, I know how lazy Moishale has always been about letters. I realize that he must be more so since his illness. But how come you to follow his bad example? Please dar ling write me more often even if it is an effort. I really long terribly for you and my own precious Moishe.

Thanks dear heart for the inclosures. I certainly did not go away from England too burdened with worldly ~~xxxxx~~ possessions. And your and Moishes gift will help considerably. I left England April 4th arriving here the 6th. I came to help nu nurse my old chum ~.B. He has undergone two operations on the prostate. He has been in the hospital nearly ten weeks. Unfortun ately I was tied up with dates and could not get away. But my thou my heart was in Nice with my dear Sasha who has been so ill for several years and no one knew exactly what ailed him until the

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condition of his prostate was discovered. He is feeling much better and we are hoping that we may take him out of the hospital in a week or so.But he is so run down he will need the whole summer to regain some of his old strength and vigor. Of course we will go to St Tropez just as soon as Sasha is able to make the short trip. You can imagine I was worried. You would laugh if you could see the primitive condition of the hospital.There are no trained nurses except one a Catholic sister hard as nails the rest are just peasant woman with a smattering of practicle knowledge about the scik. Even the interns are poorly trained. Then the noice in the wards, the loud voices of the so called nurses, the confusion. I marvel that people get well at all. I hope with all my heart that S.may soon be relieved from the be ~~horrible~~ awful place.

You will want to know my plans. I have difinitely decided to go back to England in the autumn. Not that great things are awaiting me. The struggle the five months I was there was bitter and nervraking.Yet I have made some advance. I have made a few friends. And while I feel sure that I will not have it much easier next winter than last I must go there.I simply cannot continue life in France which means but slow mental decay. I want to make my last tears count for something even if it will never be as my first years have been. So I expect to return to England in Oct.

I had planned to try and sell my place in St Tropez. But Sasha needing a place where he can recuperate I have to stic to it this summer. Then for the winter I maybe able to rent it. Next summer I will see.

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Yes that about Amy was frightful. Nature is indeed very cruel. It usually strikes thebest and the finest and it breaks the youn youngest stems. I can well imagine what Amys end meant to Moe and you. As to Bessie and Davidoff it must be horrible as all irrep erable losses are. I only hope they will both have strength enough to pull themselves together. Ivrote Bessie.She will probably let you read my letter.

I am delighted to know you and Ida have come close. I have always considred Ida very fine indeed. I knew that whatever happened between you time will heal her wound and will bring about a closer and better unders tanding between you. For I knew Ida and also I knew my generous splndid Babsie. The world is so full of hate. It is good that the few at least learn not to hate,but to love and understand.

I am happy beyond words that you were able to keep -llen so long.Yes, of course he should be wi th his mother during the summer. I only hope she will not undo what you have accompl ished wi h the kid.I am sure it was not only that you saved him from colds. You and Moishale have probably had a great effect on his capacity for effort. He was so lethargic. I hope he has gained some spirit. Give him my love.

Who said I don't like dogs. YTrue I love human beings more than any animal. But I do love dogs if they are large end if I could have them in the country. However, Princy is your and Moishes dog.That makes all the difference. Believe it or not my love for both of you is so allembracing it also uncludes princie.So you can pat him for me. I embrace you both my precious Moishale and darling Babsie.

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Nice May 5th 36.

My dear Shloime.

Thanks for offering to subscribe yo the Observer. But it is not necessary. I only asked you for it bevause I thought you would be interesting in reading it first. But since you do not seem to me I can do without it. Especially as the Koldofskys are sending me the Sunday Times which they are receiving anyhow. And my friends in Bristol send me the Manchester Guardian. Between these two papers I ought to be able to get an idea whats doing in England. Thanks just the same.

My dear you are not very gracious about Barr, are you? I wonder why you make yourself appear hard when you are any thing but that? Can you not make up your mind that people cannot get out of their skin?"Kicking Barr in the pants"as you call it is never going to make him more active. He must do his work the way he is capable. He will never do it in any other way n r should he be expected to. After all,Barrs contribution to my return to England,like yours,is a labor of love.Or shall I say interest in the ideas which Barr shares. It is wrong to expect him to do more However,it is not a question of Barr. It is you my dear. I hate to have you use a language and take an attitude that is not worthy of you and really jars on my sensibilities.

I spent Sunday with Auntie again. The poor woman seems to be pursude by the furies. First she came nearly losing her shop into which she had put ten years of effort and a large amount of money. Her neighbors in the same line were trying to squeeze her out. Then this was barely straightened out when she is being

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percecuted by her tenants in her house who, live in the basement. She told me she wrote you about the matter. I hardly need add my request that you should please get after those people or put Aunties interest in the hand of a solicitor you know who is not going to fleece the poor thing. I know how generaous you are when you become interested in a person, or you like them. I rather thing you like Auntie. So you will do what you can to save her new trouble and expence. Don't you old dear?

You have no idea how I am looking forward to the Aprt I am to have in untles house. English rooming houses, or cheap Aprt would simply stifle me. So you see how selfish your A.G is when she asks you to look after the work or the house and also to try your best to save our dear auntie unnecessary expence and trouble.

I have received an interesting list of names of secretaries of some playgoers societies in England, about twenty names whom I intend to write personal letters and also inclose addressed and stamped return envelopes. I will need 1/1/6d stamps. Please get them for me for the inclosed dollar. Please do that soon as I mean to write them nexr ~~mark~~ week.

I can see you are working intensevisly. I hope the rush will soon be over. I would like to get a real letter from you. When you will feel relieved tell me if you have any plans about my return, I mean as far as preliminary work is concerned.

Good night my dear. You are a grand boy. But I fear the people you are thrown together with in your wokr have made you harsh and crude, externally I know. May I say with yoube more gentle. You ask me to smile. I want you to be true to your inner

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Nice May 6th 36.

Dear Ralph. I inclose $1 bill for postage in case that is the reason of your persistant silence. Really,my dear it is no pleasure to keep writing in the void.Besides, being very much concerned in whaht you are doing in re my return,whether and whom you have already written to and if you have any replies,it is but natural that I should want to be kept informed. For instance I know you had a session with Sutto . What was it about? What have you two decided or agreed upon? Believe me it is not just curiosity. It is that I would like to avoid the great loss of time of last year. Then too I began to correspond with Mace about a possible visit early in the summer. And by Nov. only a few dates had been booked. You will agree that we must not again wait so long.

I don't know whether you have received the name of Reynolds correspondent. A letter from Mace tells me he has heard nothing whatever from you. Anyhow,here is the name,Mr T.Mercer. I have just written him copy of which I inclose. I hope he will send you the list if he has not yet done so.

I have received a special list of Drama societies from the B.D.L. I will write their secretaries just as soon as I receieve the circular from Sutton,I mean the copies of those inserted in the D.L. Magazine. I will of course keep you posted about the returns if I receiev any.

I don't know whether Freedom is appearing again or not. In any event I am sending you a copy of a letter I wrote to the Mas Lejos group of Anarchists in Barcelona in answer to a questionaire they sent Berkman. If you care to bring it in Freedom alright. If not it will be for your infromation.

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Dear old Ralph won't you please overcome your British slowness and write me. You do not mean to tell me that you are as slow in your love making as you are in your correspondence. I should be sorry for your particualr lady of your heart. Anyhow, do write me soon, please.

A.B. is making very slow progress in his recovery. We had hoped to have him out of the hospital by now. I fear though it will take much longer. So keep writing me here.

Affectionately even if you are so slow.

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Nice May 7th 36.

Dear Shloime. Our letters crossed each other like ships in the night. I mailed you one Tousday. Yours arrived yesterday. Thanks for the copies of statement. To day I received some more from your daughter with an awfully nice note saying she would type anything I will send her. I think that very sweet and nr clous of her,and I will write her to that effect. Just now I have only about thirty letters to write to the secretaries sent me on that special list I mentioned by Miss Briggs.but I can do nothing until I get from you copies of the circular inserted in the magazine. Please my dear send me as soon as possible hundred copies of the circular. Barr will have enough with four hundred,if he will need as many. But I MUST HAVE MINE EARLY NEXT WEEK.So be a dear and get them from Mr Beresford or the printer he did the job.

I have finally gotten the name of the Reynold corr spondent and have just write him.I inclose a copy. Have also sent one to Barr. I hope something will come of the CO-OP Societies. These and the Playgoers could keep me busy for months. The quest ion is,will they? Well, we must give them the benifit of doubt. We can do nothing else.

I congratulate you on your daughters marriage,or ruther her love life "sanctified" by law. Youth will have its fling my dear. So it is just as well that Olga can do so with a nice chap. I hope he is as nice as he looks and as much in love with Olga as he seemed. With all my experience I have remained a devout believer in the magic power of love. I wish with all my heart that your daughte may never loose her faith in or capacity to love her sweetheart.

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Alright about your son. Needless to say I do not want to do any thing that would hurt the child. I liked him awfully well. I hope later on, especially when I live in London I will have a chance to see him often and also Olga and her husband. They are your flesh and blood. So it is natrual I should transfer my part of my affection for you on them.

I knew that you would do your utmost for Auntie. She really deserves it for her own sake and not so much because I love her and she does me. This Sunday is my visiting day in the hospital so I will not be able to go out to Auntie. But I hope to next Sunday.

On my return to Nice I found a questionaire sent to Berkman by a Spanish Anarchist group. I have written them a lengthy reply. Since I know that you are interested in Anarchism, to some extent at any rate I am sending you a copy of my reply. You will see that along with hospital visits I keep pretty much to my machine, active on paper at least.

My dear, I have already written you I do notneed the Observer. No use spending money when you do not also read the paper. Besides, I really have enough on the TIME and GUARDIAN. You have not answered my question in re the expence of the Drama Magazine circular. My beloved brother sent me fifty dollars. So I am rich enough to pay some of the preliminary expence of my return.

Please, please send the circular.

Affectionately.

Love to Beryl always.

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METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF STEPNEY.

Received 1936

RATES OFFICE

238, CABLE STREET,

ST GEORGE'S, E.1

7.5.36.

My dear Emma,

Herein your leaflets – I can bet you have more as the printers have sent me a thousand. Also enclosed 10 cuttings from Reynaldo. I ordered & paid for 12 but 10 was all I received. You see, believe it or not, I am like you, I take people on trust and get stung pretty frequently.

Met Marc & Bass yesterday – all Marc suggested was to write to various & raise 30/- to meet the immediate expence for Bass to circularize etc. I felt annoyed but did not say much. I told Bass later that I was still good for 30/- and more – he should go ahead.

All I wished to imply about Bass is that he is so slow, terribly so, and does ~~not~~ not move an inch on his own. I wish to goodness I had his time to devote myself to a cause.

However, all will be well – it will have to be. I am sorry I can't write at length, but I will, I hope, one bright day. With heaps of love Shloime.

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Nice May 8th 36.

Darling Evelyn. Why not a sign of life from you since your depart ure? I miss terribly hearing from you. I am sending this to Nice because I have no idea how else to reach you. In fact I do not even now whether Jack has also left for the states, or is still at Walberswick. Well, I will take a chance.

The inclosures will tell you the situation I found here and my plans for England. I had hoped fervently Sasha will be strong enough to leave the Hospital two weeks ago. He is still there and there is no saying when we will be permitted to take him home. He is improving but very slowly indeed. You can imagine I was worried. If only hospitals in this country were not so primit ive. It is unbelievable how backward the French are in this res pect. Thats why it is so hard for S. to lie in the hospital so lon and for us to leave him there. But it is no use rushing matters. at any rate I am going to hang on in Nice until S. is home and on his feet again. That maybe weeks.

Agarost I wrote Saxe Commins, my nephew who is with Random House about that you and had some trouble with Harrison Smith, or is it Hanse and Smith. Anyhow, Saxe wrote me to get in touch with him at his private address 1361 Madison Avenue New York. He would like to see you and have a talk with you, he feels he could be of help now that your publisher have joined his house. I want you to meet my beloved nephew and his wife who is a great musician. You will find them both charming people. And you will find Saxe who is on the Staff of Ransome House and the new combine pleasant to work with. So be sure to get in touch with Saxe.

I willwrite you more when I know how to re

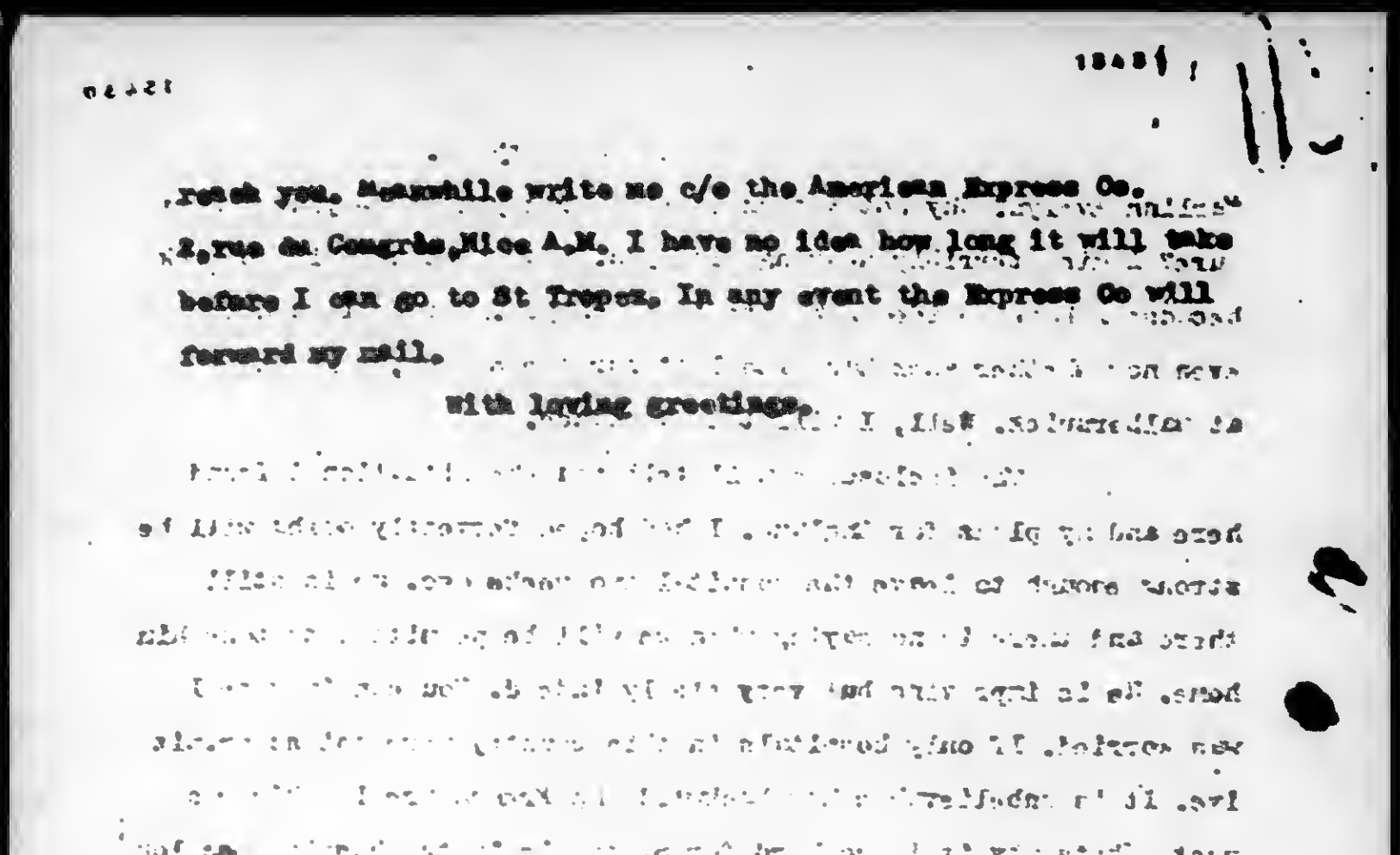
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Nice May 8th 36.

Dear Miss Briggs.

Thanks a lot for your letter and the addresses inclosed. In Birmingham you give the sect. of the Birmingham Amateur Dramatic Federation. Is the Birmingham Playgoers Society no longer in existance? I spook for them some years ago. I would very much like to get the name of its present secretary if the Cicrcle is still going on.

Among my old mail I also discovered letters from The Newport Playgoers Soviety,and Maidstone Dramatic Society. Do you know if they are still operating? Both the Newport and the Maidstone organisations were most desirous to have me speak for them.In fact Maidstone asked for several lectures. Alas that was in 26. when I was in Canada. If these groups still exist they may be willing to have me the coming season. Please let me know like a nice and so obliging lady as you always are. By the way, the nname of the secretary at Maidsone was Bernard J,Benson.And of the New port Playgoers Mrs J.Howard. And Mr J.Stanley Watkins. In fact it was Mr Watkins who wrote that his Committee ~~wants~~ wants me to lecture and would I give dates and terms.

Cordially.

P.S. I have forgotten whether the Magazine comes out the begining or middle of May. I want to write to the people you sent me but I think it best to wait until the Magazine reaches them.And then follow it up with a letter.

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1534 Merchandise Mart,
Chicago, Illinois.
May 8, 1936.

My very dear Emma:

I have your most welcome letter with the enclosures. Am so happy to get word that Sasha is well on the way to recovery. I knew he would be as soon as your presence was felt. Your electrified personality would lend itself to clear up almost any trying situation. That is how much I think of you, dear.

I am very happy that Emmy was spared her operation. I sincerely hope she will not have to undergo that terrible ordeal for quite some time, if ever. I know how much your being there has meant to both of them.

I am not going to write you at great length because I am eager to get away to the country. I will be gone for a week and the car will be here shortly.

Am enclosing the receipt for the $50.00 which I sent to Sasha. The additional eight dollars, I enclosed in a letter in the form of a personal check. By this time you should have that check as well as the $50.00. I am just wondering how a check is affected, in the way of exchange. Please let me know so I can use my judgement for future reference.

It will please you to know that I am taking the proofs of your article to the country with me. I will read it carefully, although Olay gone over it and made a number of corrections. I will check up further so there will be no errors. I would like to hear from you by return mail if there is anything you would like to tell me before the pamphlet goes to print. The front page will have your photograph and name of the article. On the back page, I would like to have a full page devoted to the advertising of your book, "Living my Life." I have written to the Garden City Publishing Company regarding this, but have not heard from them as yet. By the way, they are the ones who are publishing you book now and I was referred to them by Knopf. The inside back page will be utilized for the Maximoff pamphlet; the announcement that Rudolf's book will soon be ready for the press, and I have told the Free Society group that they can state the pamphlet was published by the Free Society group. I will be very happy if I accomplish my aim of raising a thousand dollars clear for you.

As soon as the pamphlet is published, I will send you a few copies and feel that I will be able to distribute them as planned. In the event that you care to have anything else placed in the pamphlet please let me know immediately. I will hold up the proofs until I hear from you.

I was rather surprised to read in the VanGuaard paper there is another pamphlet being published on "Two Communisms." Don't you think one will sort of conflict with the other

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since they both reach the same class of reader. I hope we will succeed in getting ours out first. I believe you ought to send them a letter asking them to announce that the Chicago Free Society Group is publishing your pamphlet on "The individual, Society and the State". All groups or organizations interested in securing copies can do so by communicating with Mr. B. Yelensky, 3332 Potomac Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. I believe it would carry much moreweight if they received a letter from you.

Will write you again when I return from the country. My sincerest love to Sasha and Emmy and a whole lot for your dear self. You know how very much you mean to me.

Sincerest love,

Your Jeanne

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Dearest beloved Emmeschka!

Received your letter and p. c. So happy to hear that Sasha is improving! Slow enough, that's sure, but this is usually the case in prostate, it takes time until all is well. The main thing is that the danger is over!! all the rest, will come bit by bit!

Dearest girl, I need the Selected Works by Voltairine for myself, and not for Mercedes. She has such wonderful appeals there, so well done! I want to copy some for "Free Woman." But I am to do it here, or I will ask Fanny to do it for me. I will not mail it to Spain, this you can be sure! I do hope you will be able to send in something for the next issue.

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The treatment so far, did not do me anything, neither good, nor bad. Have had it 5 times. It may be too soon to judge however. I will go on taking them 6 or 8 times and then maybe there will be some results. Only they make me so terribly tired !! I just can hardly move about. Want to sleep all the time. Am very restless, and in general, feel as if I were good for nothing. —

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I received from Meta Krans-Jessel today. We will do all we can to find out her whereabouts of course, and I will keep you informed.

Don't be feeling bad because Semusha doesn't write you. The poor boy is so tired! And in such a bad mood. By the way, the photos came back from Spain imperfect condition. This is a very rare thing and speaks in great favor of your dear Mercedes!

We both embrace and kiss you my dearest Emmotchka and the kapitel. Also yours Mollie

Love

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my dear Shloime. This will not go until tomorrow.If I should hear from you again tomorrow I will add something to this letter. I received yours of the 7th yesterday.thanks for it and the inclos ures of circular and Reynolds cuttings. The latter maynot have had more than ten copies to spare.for I cannot imagine a paper like this doing anybody out of two extra pennies. Its alright ,I will have enough. Yes,by all means send me more drama circulars. I will need them. I have been waiting for my copy of the British Drama Magazine to see on what page our circular had been inserted. Also until it will reach the subscribers so I can write to the extra list miss Briggs has sent me. I will write each a personal letter,insert a circular and an addressed and stamped return envel ope. That will created a moral obligation for the secreturies to reply. It means a large expence but it cannot be helped. I think in the end it will have been worth while.

my dear,of course you are "good for 30-". I know that you are good for the very last penny you could spare.But that is no reason why you should be taken for granted. I wrote you in my last that my brother sent me $50.I want that to help with the preliminary expences in england. And so I am sending Barr a check for £2 and if you will let me I would also send you for tyo cost of the circular. Please do.Of course before the summer is over I may need your help. Sufficient unto the day..... Just now there is no need to let you stand everything.

what an idea of mine to suggest sending begging letters. Last summer such letters were sent out twice.The money collected through them was paltry. So whats the sense of doing it again? I really thing that people in england especially those who come

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from the poor are so used to reckon in [illegible] -- not know how to deal with larger maters. You might say that you yourself have not come from wealth.well I cannot help but thinkinng that Jews having been kicked about all over the world have developed more imagination and a larger vision. anyhow,I do not want any appeals for money made for me. we must concentrate on getting bookings from various societies and organizations.that will save us the worry,labor and expence of organising independent lect ures. in point of fact I am not keen on lectures in London if they are to be a repetition of last time,horrible halls,dingy surround ings and a handful of our own people. Its a waste of energy I think.

Ken,my dear, dear Shloime, Barr is exasperatingly slow. We need not xxxx argue about that.His slowness often drove me to frnzy. Yet I felt and I still do that one can do nothing about it. I rather think it is not only that he is by nature lethargic. It is also that he man is not well.He wrote me he had been suffer ing with his cheat. What can that mean but some lungue trouble,or something? He was really ill all winter and yet he kept on. It was this which made me check myself every time I wanted to poke him between his ribs. So we must be patient Shloime dear. If you had as much time to give to a cause.My dear you bubble over with terrific energy.How can you compare your active nature with that of Barr?

Saw A.B. to day. He is certainly on the mend. But it will take more time than we had hoped before he can be taken out of the hospital. And then it will take weeks before he can come to St Tropez. If only his girl were not so ill I would be able to go to St Tropez when A.B. is back in his Aort. She has

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done so well the first three weeks after my return I was beginning to hope that perhaps no operation will be need. But the last ten days she has suffred one of her many relapses. I could and would not go away to St Tropez if both A.B. and Emy are laid up. Well the surmer is long and I will have plenty of time to go over some material for new lectures. I thought I would compile a book of essays but I have had several discouraging letters from publishers in America. They claime that books of essays do not sell to warr ant their publication. Thats that as they say.

I inclose a recent letter from Powys. Please give it to Olga after you have read it. And I will send the letter you returned to her later on. She will be busy with the copies of my long letter to the Spanish group, besides there is no hrry about copies of the Powys letters. I am only sending it to you because I know you will be interested.

I see that you have given the number of your business address. Do you want me to write you there? Let me know. It is glorious here to day. How I wish I were near enough to you and Beryl or visa versa and you could take me for a drive. I do not know a soul in this city and all my outings consist of trips to the hospital and back to the Aprt. I used to have scores of reien friends in Nice, Americans of course. They all were driven away by the high cost of living. Fortunately Auntie lives near. I am going to spend next week end with her. She feels so relieved since she got your letter. You are a dear to be so ready to help.

I will add a few lines tomorrow.

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Nice May 10th 36.

My Dearest. I was going to write you to send you the inclosed when your letter,undated arrived. I was so glad to get it and all the news it contained. Of course the check for $15 came with the letter. Please thank the friends who had contributed to the M.G. Fund. You know darling I always used to boast of my extraord inary memory.But for the life of me I do not remember having rec eived the $25 sent me in July by Hesbit. The only way I can account for this unusal lapse of mind is that Hesbit did not send along a note with it,or that his name or any other familiar to me a appeared on the check. But even so I would have written you to ask who sent it. I wonder if you can find out the number of the check sent me and on what bank. Not that I doubt that the money was sent. But I had a rather strange experience thirty five years ago while I was in Paris. Comrades in Barre Vermount sent me forty dollars for my return trip to the States. I never got it and the comrades were most indignant because I had not acknowledged the money. After lengthy investigations it developed that the landlord of the hotel I had been living for many months had forged my handwriting and had helped himself to the forty dollars. I don't say this might have happened with the $25 Hesbit sent.But it makes me feel uneasy that my memory is getting faulty, that try as I may I cannot recollect having received money from anybody in Canda after my departure. If I could get the name of the bank,and if possible the number of the check,also the name of the signie I could trace the matter. Its not so much the money though $25 is a fortune for us poor folk. It is to make sure that no one in St Tropez,or in Paris has signed my name.and also to reassure me that I am not yet senile. So please see about the matter if not too troyblesome.

I think the group is doing marvelously considering that it has but so few who can keep the ball arolling. I know Simkin of Winnipeg very well indeed. That was nice of him to arrange about cheaper printing and send copies of the May Manifesto. It is splendid that it will also be distributed in Winnipeg and Vancouver.Funny that Simkin never tried to get in touch with me while I was in Canada. I had a dreadful time there ten years ago. Some of the comrades were still very much enamored with Moscow and were opposed to my speaking against it. The Prussovs I stopped with were not very happy, he was already near death without anyone knowing how very ill he was.And I myself had to keep in bed during the days to be able to face the wretchedly small audiences at night. In fact I should have gone to pieces had it not been for Carl Nylander who as usual did all the work to help with the meetings. But that was ten years ago. The comrades in Winnipeg must have known of my presence in Canada.Funny neither Simkin or anyone else showed interest enough to write me. However,Simkin is certainly a diferent man than the one in Toronto.He is altogether impossible.

Darling,I did not suggest that the Jewish comrades should be asked to joined the Libertarian group. Not because they are not proletarian. I think this term covers a multitude of sins anyhow. Anarchism does not embrace only a class.It embraces humanity. This is especially vital in our time when the soculled middle

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class is as insecure as the workers. Besides there are unfortun ately any number of workers who are more middle class than the members of that layer in society. Else the Stalins,Mussolinis and Hitlers would not be in the ~~saddlex~~ saddle. I had hhe same argument with Ben. I tried to make him see that it is extremely dangerous for the.constructive side of a social revolution to narrow down the human family into limited layers. Marxists must need do so because they have built their world and a methaphysical idealogy. But for the life of me I cannot see how Anarchists can do it. I i insist that we must reach human beings,individually as well as the mass. For how else are we going to educate all those who will have to play their part in the task of reconstruction on the day after the revolution? Of course you are right when you say that Langbord is unreliable for any systematic work though he is willing enough. But even Langbord should not be ignored if he is willing to con tribute his share,if ever so little to the actitvites of the group. It is the same about Seltzer or Steinberg or any of the comrades. We are so few unfortunately we really cannot afford to eliminate our people who have interest in our ideas and who are ready to help to their best. If you feel better with your proletarians you should not have accepted any help from Simkin of Winnipeg.For he too belongs to the middle class,he exploits labor. But of course you and the other comrades did right to accept his cooperation. Then why discriminate against the other Jewish comrades? Frankly I con sider it illogical. However the group should go its own way.

I am glad you got in touch with the IWMA. I know that A.Chapiro is more or less in charge of it now. And he is very accurate and reliable. Too bad that Ben is so ready to attack without finding out the reason for the silence of the IWMA. Ben is a great boy with great possibilities. But he is as narrow as a Catholic when it comes to his I.W.W. leanings and his fanatical appraisement of everyone who is not 100/000 proletarian . Forgive me darling if I seem impatient with Ben. I know how you feel about him.But also I know that you are large enough to have an objcct ive attitude.

Yes,I prefer to go back to England though I know the struggle will mean no end of blood letting. I am hoping that I might contact people from different social groups that may eventu ually establish a basis for an Anarchist publication. I am only sorry that I did not remain in England 12 years ago when I was there for 18 months. We might now have an Anarchist movement. We have nothing now and I am 12 years older.But better late than never. In a year or two I may try once more to get back to the States for six months or so. In that case I would also come to Canada. For it will be impossible to negotiate about amy reentry from Europe. But it would be useless to attempt to settle in ~~Canada~~ Canada. I would not be tolerated if I talked and wrote as frankly as I can in England. And while Canada is ~~vast~~ vast the human mat erial is limited. So I really have no choice but to go back to England. Strangely enough my dearest the few who have become interested in my work during the last five months are not prolet arians but "middle class" though heaven knows they have not very much more than ~~the proletarians~~ the proletarians who are

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employed. Yes, I spoke before miners and other workers.But those who are intersted in my return and are helping to make it possible happen not to be proletarins. This only goes to prove that it is wrong to discrimnate against anyone who is socially conscious of the need of the social struggle and who see in Anarchism ,the one ideal that will ultimately bring about a new conception of human,social and individual values.

Just at present I am tied to Nice. Sasha is slowly improvong.But his complet recovery will take much longer than we thought. I mean it is not likely that he will be able to make the short trip tO St Tropez which is really only a three hours affair. What will be with his girl I don't know. She improved con siderubly the frist three weeks after my arrival. She has been bad again the last two weeks. She will absoultely have to undergo the operation.Much to my distress I learned to day that the oper ation is much more serious than we thought. In any event it will probably have to be done in Paris. And of course there can be no talk about Paris until Sasha has completely recovered. Poor Emmy will probably ~~have~~have to hold out until the autumn. It is awful to see her suffer.But I see no way out at present. We are hoping to have S.home in about two weeks. Then I will be ablo to go to St Tropez since my presence here will not be necessary. I want to prepare a lot of new stuff for my next tour. And I can only do it in St Tropez where I have my material. However, nothing is certain about either S. or Emy, so keep writing me here.

Please dearest read the inclosed letter to the Spanish comrades to the group and then give Milly the inclosed note. Also the letter. I want her to make some copies of it and do as she always has,send it to the comrades in Toronto and Montreal. I am simply swamped with letters and cannot write everbody seperate. You will see that some anarchists in Spain have unfortunately been carried away by the success of the Communists,have partic ipated in the last elections and are actually talking of taking seizing power if the opportunity should come to them and use it. It does not require much prophetic acumen to fortell where it would lead the Anarchists. By the way, the Max"Combat Syndicalist " while not for political power is yet for ALL POWER TO THE SYNDICATS In other word it is revolutio ary but not Anarchistic. And there is great difference between the twp.

I am delighted to know the 45 copies of the Memoirs have reached Toronto. I hope they will soon be disposed of so Sasha can get some money. If it is sold for only $1,25 very little will remain for him. Axel paid Daniel fifty cents a copy and the postage was £2,10. Then there is the duty and sales tax to come off. What will remain? Well, whatever it is it will help. Sashas two operations and months in the hospital have cost a lot.He is still there and no saying when he will be permitted to go home. After his real convalescence will begin .All of that means heavy

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expences going on all summer. Not enough there will be Emmys operation. I learned only to day that it is a very grave affair. She will actually have to have part of her stomach cut out. Just imagine. She is ony 36 years of age. I dread to think about the consequences for the poor child. but she suffers so much she will porbably be forced to submit to the operation. In other words we are up against a veritable mountain of expenditures which will have to be met somehow. Naturally every bit will help if the mem oirs can be sold.

Darling don't think me queer that I revert to those $25 Nesbit has sent. but I really feel awful not to be able to recollect ever having received it. what puzzles me is that I should not have acknowleaged the receipt. I do that almost immid iately when I get money in forms of checks or express orders. Per haps I have actually acnowledged it and my brain no longer works. That would be a frightful thing for me. Do you think you might find out whether the nesbits or anyone else had received an acknowledge ment from me? I know the Nesbits are in Florida. Do you know their address. If so sent it to me. I cannot get over that such an idiot ic thing should happen to me. Come to think of it when I arrived In T. in Dec. 1933 Marsthoff asked whether I had received forty dolars he had sent me. I had not. I suggested he should write the Bank through which the amount had been sent. what do you suppose the money had been received after I had already left France and was waiting for me to come for it. So you see how such things do get mixed up.

I am so glad you and Dein have become so close. She is very fine and so is Tom. I am delighted to know you have close comradeship outside of the group. We all need that, especially we women need friendship with our own sex. I have written Dein and Tom and I also wrote the Andersons. I had a letter from them from last year which I only answered last week. I wonder whether they could not be interested in the work of the group. I asked them to attend some time and gave them Benders address.

Goodby dearest Dorothy. Give my greetings to the comrades.

with love.

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Milly,my dear. I am inclosing this in my letter to Dorothy because she sees you often and because she will have to give you the letter I am sending her to be read for the group and copies of which I would like you to make.Please my dear be sure to send copies to the comrades in Toronto even if they do not belong to the group. Also send Esther Leddon one and Rose Bernstein as well as copy to Gordon Whitehead and Marjoris Goldstein whose addresses you have.

I hope my letter and copy of statement as well as ten shillings have reached you and that I will hear from you soon.

Carrie tell dad I was at the hospital to visit com rade Berkman to day. He is improving but still must remain in the hospital a little longer. He wants to be remembered to all the comrades. too bad Rudolf couldnot come to Canada.But I expected as much. I love to dad,mother and eckie and loads of it to you.

Emma

Do you ever see Carl? If you would find out where he is & tell him I want to hear from him Give him my love

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Darling. I was going to write you to inclose a copy of a letter I wrote to a griup of comrades in Spainwhen your letter of April 23rd arrived. Meanwhile you will have gotten another letter which I wrote you acknowledging the fifty you sent for the Memoirs.
I was at the hospital yesterday.I found Sasha on the mend but only slowly so. I had planned to remain home to day and write you and many other friends. But Emmy has again been deathly ill,to day she is altogether in a mad state so I have to go with her to the hos pital. I am too afraid she will excite Sasha too much with her un fortunat state if she sees him alone. Of course, the poor kid suffers, there is no doubt about it. But in addition she is extrem neurastanic from which in return her trouble grows more accute. I learned yesterday from a friend a very fine physician who had talk talked to the surgeon who is to operate on Emmy that the operat ion is extreme serious.It will consist of cutting part of her stomach out. She suffers from Gestrictomy and she will need to be operated by a specialist of this kind of trouble,maybe even in Paris. I have not the faintest idea how it will be accompl ished before Sasha is quite on his feet again.And even then where the means are to come from. I am distressed beyond words.Yet I do not know what to do. One thing I must prevent that Sasha should be worked up and worried now. Emmy was never an easy job to tackle She suffers from all kinds of fixations,among others that I never wanted her in Sashas life. It is so absurd it is hardly worth while mentioning.But you can see how difficult my position is both because of Sasha and E. However, just now I have but one tho thought to see Sasha recovered. That will unfortunately take a long Time.Then will come Emmys operation which I dread more than I like

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to admit. Anyhow I am tied here for the present. I could not have enough peace to do any kind of work if I were in St Tropez. So it is just as well if I must stick in Nice.

I am so glad you have a nice summer place. Indeed I should love to be with you and Jay in yours. But that is an unattainable dream which will never be realized. And my own place will also be only this summer. For it will difinitely have to go. But about that and other matters when I have more time to write you.

Of course you must do nothing about Julia Halperine. I have answered her question about what she can do. If she does nothing it will be alright. I never want people to do anything out of duty. They should do it only when they are really interested and love to help their friends.

Alright about Ben Laddon. I will write him of course though he is a hopeless correspondent. He never replys. I gave Sasha your note to him and also had him sign the check for $8. Thanks. He will write you when he is convalescing. He can do nothing now.

Dearest inclosed copy of my letter to Spain is in answer to a questionaire. I wish you would let Joe read it. I will write Joe soon and send him a copy. Or perhaps you will let your secretary make some copies and give Joe one and the Other comrades.

I do hope you will have a restful and joyous summer.

With love to Jay and yourself.

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11 May, 1936.

Dear Miss Goldman,

Thank you for your letter of May 8th. We have not on our Register the Birmingham Playgoers Society, but I have pleasure in giving you herewith the other information for which you ask:-

Newport Playgoers Society:
Mr. Stanley Watkins, 122, Commercial Street, Newport.

Medway Theatre Club:
Mr. B.J. Benson, 6, Mill Street, Maidstone, Kent.

Altrincham Garrick Society:
The General Secretary, Altrincham Garrick Society, The Garrick Playhouse, Barrington Road, Altrincham, Cheshire.

The Ramblers' Dramatic Society of Stoke-on-Trent has written to us to know what your fee for lecturing is. Perhaps you would care to write to them direct, the secretary is Mrs. Cuthbertson, 94, Garden Village, Stoke-on-Trent.

Our Magazine went out at the beginning of this month.

We are terribly busy here selling tickets for our Final Festival at the Old Vic on May 25th.

With all good wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

Frances Briggs.

Miss Emma Goldman,

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Chicago Ill. May 11th. 1936

Dearest Mommy.

May' Mommy May.
May was our Calif. month.
May 1907 our first May. May 1912 San Diego.
It was just 24 years ago tonight that we dined at the Clarks
And started out on the memorial ride to San Diego and back.
Yes Darling Mommy, let what come what will, we had great days together.
" And all that is N O T shove behind me" those day are such a vital part of my life.

Your letter delighted my soul, it is so good to feel close to you
And be permitted to share your hardships and your tours.
I was especially interested in your reports describing your English meetings.
So sorry that Berkman has been so ill. Prostate operations are
very painful altho not especially dangerous.
I hope that he has completely recovered and you are both resting in San Tropez.
I congratulate you as a peporter, you have given us a splendid picture of Europe.

I wish I could be as interesting and concise as you are.
The most interesting and exciting scandal is Nina Van Zand Spies.
You know she died Apr. 9th. and she had a great funeral
I will inclose my report of it.
About a week after she died they opened her vault.
And found she left $ 7500.00 in cash and good bonds
And she left the money to her D O G S. Ah' WAH'
She had two Sweethearts that she was living with and in a measure supporting
Morris Budman a old Wobblie and Tom an Indian she kept up two appartments
One for Tom and the Dogs and the Other for she and Budman.
And she did'nt leave either of her men a cent.
She did leave me all of her PHOTOGRAPHS which include a dozen of
August Spies some of the autographed a lot of manusoripts, A BIBLE and
A Crucifix.. If you could know the talk Nina Will created.
Lucy Parson came to the office then wrote me a long letter that will make
History. I just hav'nt the time to give you all the details.
The I. . W. Burried her BUT THE UNDERTAKER is putting in the bill to
The Estate so is Tom and Budman and other.
Irene Castle Mc Laughlin who wun the "X Orphant in the Storm" a dog
rescue home has charge of the dogs and by the way she is the Daughter
of Old Doctor Foote who did so much for Free Speech in N. Y.
My Office is the headquaters of the Scandal mongers and it is great to
hear all the the different opinions? Jack Ryan was the latest.

The Ferrero and Sallitto case is attracting a lot of attention.
The I. W. W. appears quite active in Chicago are the are somehwat anarchistic.
The Communistsm are active in a hundred ways.
I speak to a group of Communists women next Saturday.
The are some splendid Radicals plays both in the little theatres
And on the Rialto, and strange to say the WPA. player (reileft groups)
Are putting on some worth while thinks.
The Jewish Art exhibit went over big and the two pictures that won prizes
Were revolutionant, strange to say " THE JURY" (Chicago Anarchist Jury)
Won first prize, the Artist is quite a man.
Bug Club, and Bug House square is going big.
As I told you before the Chicago Anarchist groups rather avoid me.
Some one told me Dr. Heiner joined the Communists
I saw all the old comrades at the Funeral of Nina.
I marched in the May 1st. United Front Demonstration
Most of the Radical Unemployed are working on WPA. Relief Projects.
I think I am safe in saying employment and Business is better in America

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Continuing my belief in the Students, I spend most of my time with them.
This week I am with groups of Northwestern and Chicago University Students.
Last week I was with the University of Michigan, Kalamazoo and Albion Students.
Many students come to my office and I almost live with Professors.
I am very optomistic and I think Modern ideas and radical thought is
Progressing.. I think the trend of America is for the better.
Social Security may not mean much to you.
But there are millions of High School and College enjoying it.
And many many of your Old Comrades are working for Uncle Sam.
As you know many of them are writing, painting and soulpting the things
they want to do. and they are paid $ 60. 70. 80m and 90 dollars a month.
At least dear Mommy, no matter how the souls has deteriorated they have
Enough to eat.. But the Capitalistic system go on, I aggree.

Brutus is great, he is so well and strong and happy.
He finishes College in an other months and is doing quite well.
He plays foot ball, is on the running team and go to Memphis Tenn.
With a group of College runners this Thursday.
He has been singing in a Theatrical Drama "(The Balok Friars) Collge group
Was on the radio the other day. Could not be busier.
The Foot ball Coach told him the other day that if he wanted to play foot Ball
Next year , he would have to get a job at hard work this summer.
We hav'nt quite decided just waht we will do this summers.
Mrs. Townsend and many friend want us to go to Calif. and we want to go.
I have had many letters from England offering to help in a lecture Tour
And your experience does not frighten me.
You see Mommy I will come over as the EXPERT on American Gangsters Vice and Crime
And altho many promise have been made me. I am no novice at the Lecture game.
And I shall expect nothing and as I wrote Constable, if they won't come to
The hall to hear me I will go out on the Street.
I have been offered some journalist work and it appears quite likely
I will not only make my expenses but a little money.
And you see I don't know how to worry much about this or that. Jesus Love me.

Mother has been exceptionaly well and very happy.
We had a Mother day picnic in the Prk yesterday
And four generations of Reitmans were there? Bro. Lew is quite well again.
I hav'nt heard from my Daughter Jan Kay for months. she is on South America.
I am hoping soon for a new Daughter to replace her.
The Ex Wife seems very happy in New York.
I am not wanting for some one to be kind to me.

If I did not boast, if I did not rejoice in living I should be unappreciative.
Life is good in every detail, physicially I was never better.
I never had a better or a larger field to work in.
I am freer from debts than I have been for years.
My friends and family won't let me have any important need without supplying them.
Don't laugh, I am more anxious to have a child now than I ever was in my life.
And this is the important thing I was never more sure that America is
the best Country in the world for a Child to be born in.
And I feel that America and the world is worth while being born in.

I wrote Agnes Inglis and she never answered me that I have a very fine
Collection of Anarchist and Birth Control Free love book, pamphlets photos
and so forth, that ought to be placed ina library.
How about the German Anarchist Bibolphile and historian. (he wrote a book on
The Bibliography of Anarchism.
About my Biography I must write latter, Schroeder want to help do it.
I want to be with you and Berkman while we do the GREAT DECADE together.
Let me send you and Berkman my love joy of life and will to live and to be.

Love & devotion
Ben from Friedo

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METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF STEPNEY.

TELEPHONE 624 ...

...GATES OFFICE

238, CABLE STREET,

ST GEORGE'S, E.1.

11-5-36

Dear Emma,

I have pretty well done all the necessary even before you asked me to them.

1. Hunties affairs I attacked directly I heard from her — matters are still pending.

2. Your earnest plea for leaflets you should have received directly you posted your letter asking for them. I have however augmented the supply by sending you under seperate cover another batch. There are heaps, 1000 all told, as you can have as many as you like.

At the moment, I regret, I am unable to accede to your request to write you a decent letter. Nothing would give me greater pleasure were I able to so, in more senses than one.

Be patient with me and I'll love you all the more for being a dear - (please not capital)

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I don't want your money - I want your affection. Of the latter you are richer and can give more abundantly, and I like it better. 6258

I must write to Annie to-day as I desire certain particulars with regard to the proposed sale of her house — I heard from the Agents to-day.

You must forget about the flat that you intend having in the house. Even if the place is not sold it is not, I have discovered, too delectable a spot and you must have a better address — enough said.

To hear you say you are prepared to lose my children because of me was like a cool drink to parched lips. Senya I am sure will appreciate you and love you as much as I do, with added youth and zeal.

I'll ask Olga, my daughter, to type some copies of your letter to the Spanish Comrades. Very true; I am interested, and I was particularly interested in your answers. Olga, I regret to say, is none too reliable, but I will give her every opportunity to show her worth. Her husband is a very decent, sincere lad. I hope he will make something of her. Yours with love Shloime

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Nice May 12th 36.

Darling Mollitchka . That is shocking news about Zensl. The poo foll knew all about the gangster in Moscow why did she have to go there? It is ironic that Hitler should have tortured Erich to death in his concentration camps,and Erichs widow should be given a taste of Stalins concentration camp. For where else would they have put that unfortunate Zensl? I suppose she must have talked to openly,or she must have become critical.For what else could they have consider d her so dangerous or important to get rid of her? Really,it is incredible. I hope the I.A.A will take steps at once to ascertain the whereabouts of Zensl,or the Syndicalists Has Rudolf been written to? He can round up some people in New. The Civil Liberties League for instance. The Communists reckon with that organization. Is there anything you think I can do? I might write a letter to the Nation and the Manchester Guardian Ask Chapiro if I should? He must raise hell with that unscrupul ous gang that is capable of any crime.

I inclose copy of my letter to Carbo. Show it to Mania, Volin and anyone else you want. It makes me frantic to thin that our people should have helped the Communists in Spain to power when their comrades in Russia torture our people and now have disposed of Ruhsams wife. I cannot understand such short sightedness.

Parent I wrote you a card yesterday the good news about our Sasha. I visited him again to day and found he had actu ally walked along the corridors all by himself.for a few minutes, of course. But even that is a marvelous advance for the better. He is still being tortured every day by insertions of catheders. But there is no doubt Sasha is on the way of recovery.

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I wish you could tell me the same about yourself. my poor darling I can imagine how exhausted the treatments you are taking are. Buu you are brave and you will not lose hope. You,MUST?you MUST GET WELL. Of course it will require patience and endurance. I am certain you will have both. I wish with all my heart Emmy had your determination. She would probably also get well. Just now she is in a frenzy. She has been in misery for two weeks. Of course, she will have to be operated though I dread it.I got a physician I know in Vence to have a talk with her surgeon. He found out that the operation is very serious. And that E.must be in good condition to face it. But that is just the curx of E's nature,one cannot get her in good condition.No one except Sasha can get her to rest,or keep somekind of a regime. I certainly have not succeeded. Well, there is nothing to be done but to wait for Sashas return home and until he is somewhat stronger. Then he will manage E. Meanwhile she is in a frantic stage and as she ha no control whatsoever Sasha sees how she feels.It certainly does not add to his joy or recovery. But that too cannot be helped. Only,my position is painful I can tell you. Please darling to not mention a word when you write to Emmy. She will only misunder stand and misconstrue as she does everything I say or do for her.

Darling, when I go to St Tropez I will send you Voltairines works. The woman who had the place for the winter is not there any more and Sandström would not know where to look for the volume. I have no idea when I will be able to go out to Bon Esprit. Certainly not before Sasha is in his flat and strong enoug not to need me. If it should drag out I may go to St Tropez for a day or two and send you the book. I cannot do anything now.

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...f course I understand why Senjusha does not write. This is nothing except that I do want to know how he is getting along. ... By the way have you heard from Gabo and Hannes. I can understand Hannes not writing with his crippled hands. But I thought Gabo might let us know how he is getting along. Let me know if you have heard from him.

With loads of love.

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Nice May 12th 36.

Dear Tom. I have been meaning to write you.But the worry and anx iety about Sasha and his care took all my thoughts and time. You will be glad to know that there is a change for the better. Since last Friday when the catheder had been removed and he begain to pass urine in the natrual way he has gained considerably. Yesterday foor the first time in three months my dear old chum was permitted to leave his bed,only for two hours. And also to take a few steps in the ward supported by me. I was to see him again to day and found him even stronger. He had actually walked in the ward by himself. I cannot tell you what a relief that is to us who had almost des paired about Sashas recovery. He had a frightful time, was always in great pain and so thin and frail we did not hope he would pull through. So we rejoice with the marvelous change that has taken place since last week end. Of course it will take considerable time before Sasha can be moved to his flat.And then some weeks before he will be bale to make the trip to St Tropez. But he is out of dangget and on the way to recovery. We are content.

I was I could say the same for Emmy, Sashas girl. She was doing fairly well the first three weeks after my return. The last ~~three~~ 2 weeks she has again been suffering. She has an and very much neglected case of gestriotomy ~~case~~ and her stomach pressing on the intestines. Her surgeon told me the operation is very serious, part of her stomach will have to be removed. He ins isted she must be in good condition before she can be operated.The trouble is that her nerves are completely shot to pieces and it is impossible to get her to rest or observe a system of di . The only one who can get her to do anything is Sasha.So she will have to wait until he is home and in stronger condition.

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I myself need a rest badly. The drudgery of five months in England and the wear and tear of daily visits to the hospital not to speak of the worry have left me pretty worn out. But of course I cannot and will not budge until Sasha is home and more firmly on his feet. I have no idea what he and Emmy will decide about her operation. I am not so keen on operations or doctors to impose my ideas on anyone so sick and highstrung as Emmy. I must let things take their course. Naturally, if she is operated I will come back to look after her comforts. Just now we must get Sasha well first.

Dear Tori, the inclosed copy of a letter I wrote to a group of comrades in Spain will interest you. Imagine them pulling the chestnuts out of the fire of the Socialists and Communists. It is tragic, don't you think?

The irony of the help our comrades have given the rotten Left politician in Spain is the greater because I got news to day that the widow of our martyred comrade Erich Muhsam who stupidly went to Russia has vanished. No one in Moscow seems to know what had become of her. Hitlers concentration camps killed Muhsam. Stalins may yet kill Muhsams widow. Of course an immidiate campaign will have to be started to force the rotten gang in Moscow to let us know where Mrs Muhsam is. The comrades in Paris will do so at once, and I will write to America in the matter.

We have a circular in the May issue of the Drama Magazine of the B.D. League. It ought to bring some bookings. And the League also sent me 20 names of secretaries of the most important Playgoer Societies I am writing to. Then Barr is looking after the CoOps and the N.C.L.C. That is if he succeeded in getting—

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the addresses.Both he and I wrote to Mercer, the correspondent of Reynolds who reported my Conway Hall lecture and who had promised the addresses.But so far we recieved no reply. Also we both wrote to Colpers. He replied to Barr saying he had written Miller to int introduce me, I don't know whether Miller has replied to Barr. Then again Williams from Cardiff wrote if would again organise some lectures if the Secretary of the District Counsil will permit him. I suppose it is a new man,because it was Griffith who had written Williams to help with bookings for me. Well, it is probably still too early for bookings from the N.C.L.C. I do have one engagement, alas, without a fee,from the John O'London Literary Circle. Barr gave the secretary a tentative date Oct.17th.

I hope all is well with you and the family.

Affectionatw greetings to the three of you.

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Nice May 12th 36.

Dear Beryl. That was a very friendly and sweet letter you wrote me. It quite warmed my heart. Thank you ever so much. It is a common human failing to think we are irreplaceable. why should not Shloime think that you would not get along without him for a little while? as to him being vain. My dear all men are. And what is more to the point we women are responsible for the vanity and conceit of men. As mothers, grandmothers, sisters, wives and lovers we place our men on a pedestal and worship at his shrine. As a result the poor male grows to believe that he is the Lord of the Universe. In a measure he is because the world has been man made. To this day women though having achieved ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ wonders they are still among the underprivileged. If woman breaks through none the less she does so at the expence of much that she craves and needs. Anyhow, dear Shloime is the true male with the usual amount of conceit.

Indeed I would love to have him visit me in St Tropez. I should also love to have you my dear. But you are such a shy creature I suppose it would be impossible to pull you out. Wouldn't! Of course, if I can not have both members of the Sutton happy couple I would be content with one. But just now I have not the remotest idea when I will myself be in St Tropez. Herbann has made very good progress since last Friday. Yesterday he was even permitted to sit up on a reclining chair and to make a few steps across the ward supported by me. To day he was even strong enough to walk a little by himself. But he is very far from leaving the hospital. Until he is in his flat and much stronger I will not be

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could not leave him. But even if Berkman will be in condition to for his girl alone to take care of him I may not be able to leave. The last two weeks she is very bad again. You see she suffers from gestrictony and will have to undergo an operation. I was told by her surgeon that the operation is very serious,part of her stomach will have to be removed. Just how she is too run down to risk the operation. Nor could she undergo it until Berkman is completely cured. I do not know therefore how long I will have to remain in Nice. I hope to be in a position to tell at the end of this month. I will then write Shloime asking him to spend his holiday,or part of it at my place.

My dear, I sent Shloime a large letter of which I need copies. Olga offered to type them for me. Will you please tell your good husband not to delay giving or sending the copy to Olga? I know he has been working hard and I really hated to worry him.But it is his own fault since he wished it on himself.

I was sure dear Shloime would do whatever in his power to help Auntie out of her difficulties with her tenants. I really do not blame you for loving him. he is such a good sort and could be so much better if only he were a little less aggressive, or if he did not think everybody must be and do exactly as he.

Give him a hugging for me just the same.

With much love.

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DE SYNDICALIST
REDACTIE:

HEEMSTEDE, 12 Mei 1936
TEL. 29262

Werte Genossin Emma Goldman!

Mit grossem Bedauern erfahre ich aus Ihrem Briefe dass unsrer Freund Berkman schwer krank ist. Es ist gut dass Sie wieder in Nice sind und für ihn sorgen können. Bitte grüssen Sie Berkman aus meinem Nahmen und sagen Sie ihm wie sehr ich hoffe, dass seine Gesundheit sich bald bessern möge.

Ich danke Ihnen herzlich für das gesandte Material in Sachen Mooney. Mit dem Fall sind wir ziemlich gut bekannt; die Publikationen des Mooney Molders' Defense Committee erhalten wir regelmässig. Wenn ich aber Berkman um einen Artikel gebeten habe, dann wohl weil er in der Affäre Mooney eine bedeutende Rolle gespielt hat und die Genossen in Holland viel Wert darauf legen Artikel von Kameraden wie Sie und Berkman zu lesen. Wir werden eine Mooneynummer herstellen und Ihr Living my Life wird dabei gute Dienste leisten können. Wiss, ich habe das Buch. Ein Freund von mir übersetzt es zu seinem Vergnügen - ohne eine Herausgabe zu beabsichtigen, die in Holland auch wohl kaum möglich sein würde. Dann und wann hat er mir für De Syndicalist kurze Fragmente übersetzt. Kann ich Ihnen die Nummern nach Nice schicken, worin wir etwas aufgenommen haben?

Könnten Sie einen kleinen Beitrag für unsre Nummer schicken, z.B. über den Anteil des Gen. Berkmans zur Rettung von M. & B., so wäre mir dies sehr lieb; haben Sie keine Zeit, geben Sie sich dann keine mühe.

I shall ask the translator, mentioned above, to review your book in De Syndicalist. (Reading your english letter for answering it, I begun to write english).

Dass mein Brief so spät angekommen ist, ist meine Schuld; ich hatte die Adresse nicht zur Hand.

Meine Frau und ich grüssen Sie recht herzlichst und geben nochmals der Hoffnung Ausdruck, dass Freund Berkman wieder seine alte Gesundheit und Kraft erobern wird!

Ihr

Albert de Jong

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Manager, Dressmakers Union Local No. 22 International Ladies Garment Workers Union

May 12, 1936

Dearest Emma:

So glad for the word that Sasha is gaining and that he can soon be taken home – and then to St Tropez. I shall be glad to hear when he is in your little place in the South of France, as I am sure when once there he will begin to gain. Poor dear Sasha – what a hard time he has had and I do hope that he soon regains his old vigor and health – I can well imagine the strain that you have been under. And the lack of money at such a time – it is terrible and I'm in no financial shape to do anything about it – just eke out myself – then my job stops on the23d of this month. I don't know just what I am to do then.

I'm in hopes of getting a supervisors job with the WPA Theatre project here in town for June, July and August – if I get this it will keep me from worrying this summer how to meet my expenses and will have to work only 39 hours a week which will give me a good week end in the country – can go up on Friday night and come back Monday morning. That will be fine for me if it comes through. Otherwise, I don't know. I only know I haven't a penny to see me through the summer. . . Why my troubles when you have so many yourselves over there in a foreign land.

Will Emmy now have to undergo an operation? That seems frightful. I haven't as yet gotten hold of Kapp about the fund they were supposed to raise for Sasha – Minna Lowenoshn and Harry Kelly are having a dinner on the 17th to try to put some pep into the committee that were to work on this fund for Sasha. The first of the week I will again try to reach Kapp and go to see him and have a talk – I will then let you know the result. I have been so tied up with the work of this darn theatre that I haven't done anything about raising money for Sasha, but must see what I can do. It may be that something will come out of the May 17th affair.

Pauline went with me to the country this last week end – we planted the garden and had a nice restful time even though we were lame and fly-bitten – the black flies are out in May in New England and they poison me terribly. We went last evening to see Emil Opffer who has had an operation and is in the Marine Hospital – he seems to be getting on – though this fistula in his rectum has been going on since last June and this makes about the fourth operation he has had to undergo. I feel worried about it as it may turn into cancer if it soon is not healed up. He is such a fine person.

Had a nice vist with Stella while she

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was in town. She was looking very well and her mother also looked very good. I don't think Ruth is much different, at least that is what Dorothy told Pauline, though the doctors say that it is all up to Ruth now to pull herself together - but that is her illness - her being able to "pull herself together". She still says that she is a burden and better if she were not living and doesn't seem to be able going home to her baby and Bob. It's very sad. I never realized that Ruth had this morbid streak in her, she always seemed so calm and her two feet on the ground.

This is only a nasty note in the midst of closing up my work here for the season. We have had a very bad season financially not gotten back our production cost on any of our productions which means that we are closing with debts and not a penny to start the next season with.

Much much love to you Sasha, and Emmy. Give Sasha a good hug for me and tell him that I will write him again soon. He sent me such a beautiful letter before he went to the hospital this last time.

Affectionately

Fitzi

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Wed.

Dearest Sash. Knowing how sad
I had grown, came attacked to
myself yesterday because going
home. I also ordered the
Bldg dozing suppositories. They
had to be made specially.
I will bring them tomorrow.
I hope my dear you will
not doing very much better,
And you hopeless pain, that
you are feeling strongly
It will be almost as good
an event for me when you
will be able to leave the
hospital. Then the 14th of
May 1906. Day it will mean
a new life for you. Until
I shall send also the
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get well.
I am yours now &

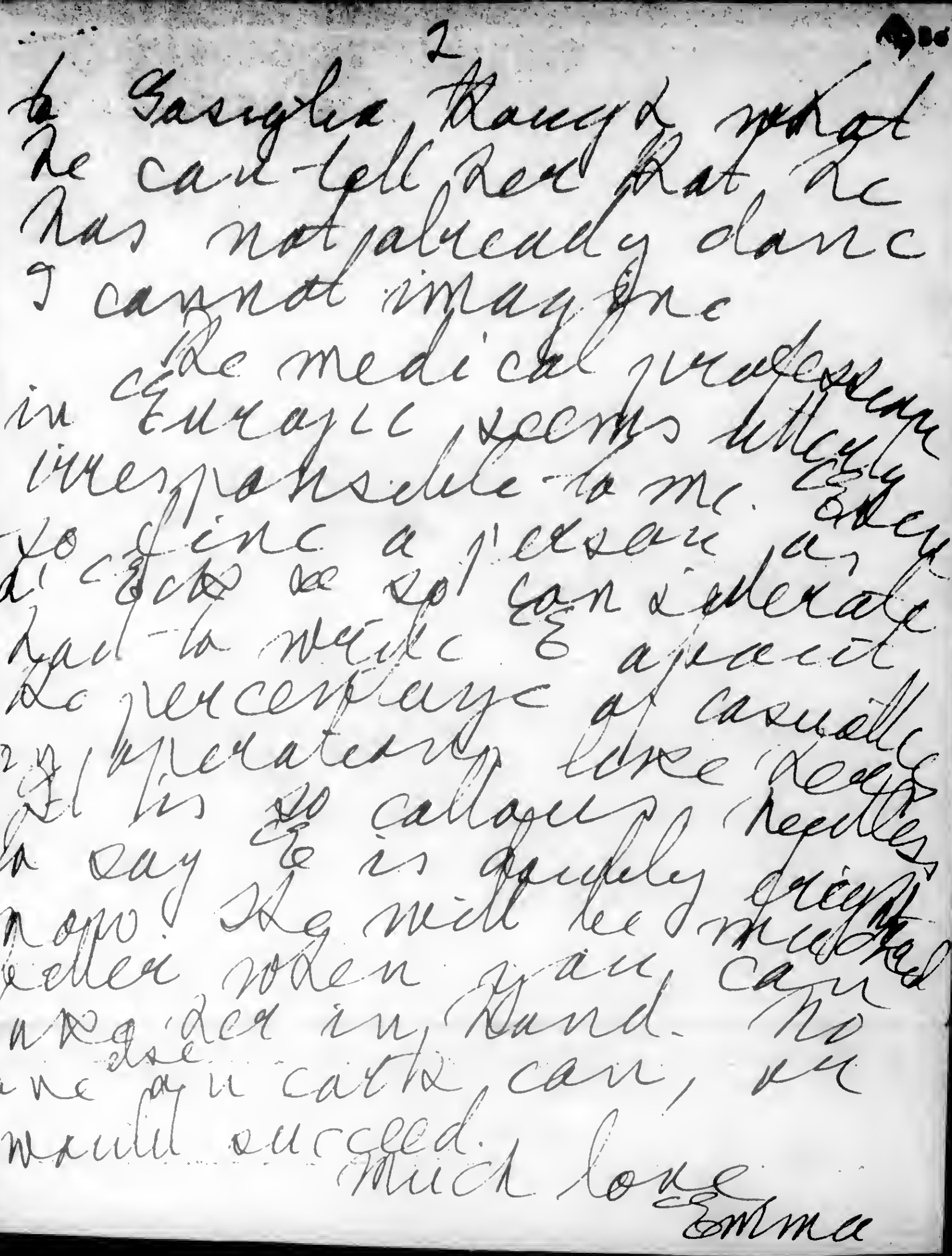
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Dear Sasha, Thanks so much for the card-tell Rex that he has not yet already done I cannot imagine the medical profession in Europe seems utterly irresponsible-to me. Odd, do one a person can tolerate pain-to the point of insanity & yet be perfectly at ease [illegible] It is so callous, heartless & ugly! It will be much better when I am there in Paris, can, & would succeed.

Much love
Emma

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My dear. Tuesday. 9th

I have encouraging news for you. When I was in Nice Tuesday I talked to My Deck who has been very interested in your case. He told me he regrets that he could not talk to him personally. I told him to go ahead yesterday. After I left you I went to Nanine and telephoned du Deck from there. He had told Purcell that you were a friend of his & that he wanted to have a favorable account of your condition. I assured him that your case was not only normal but for a man of your age un-

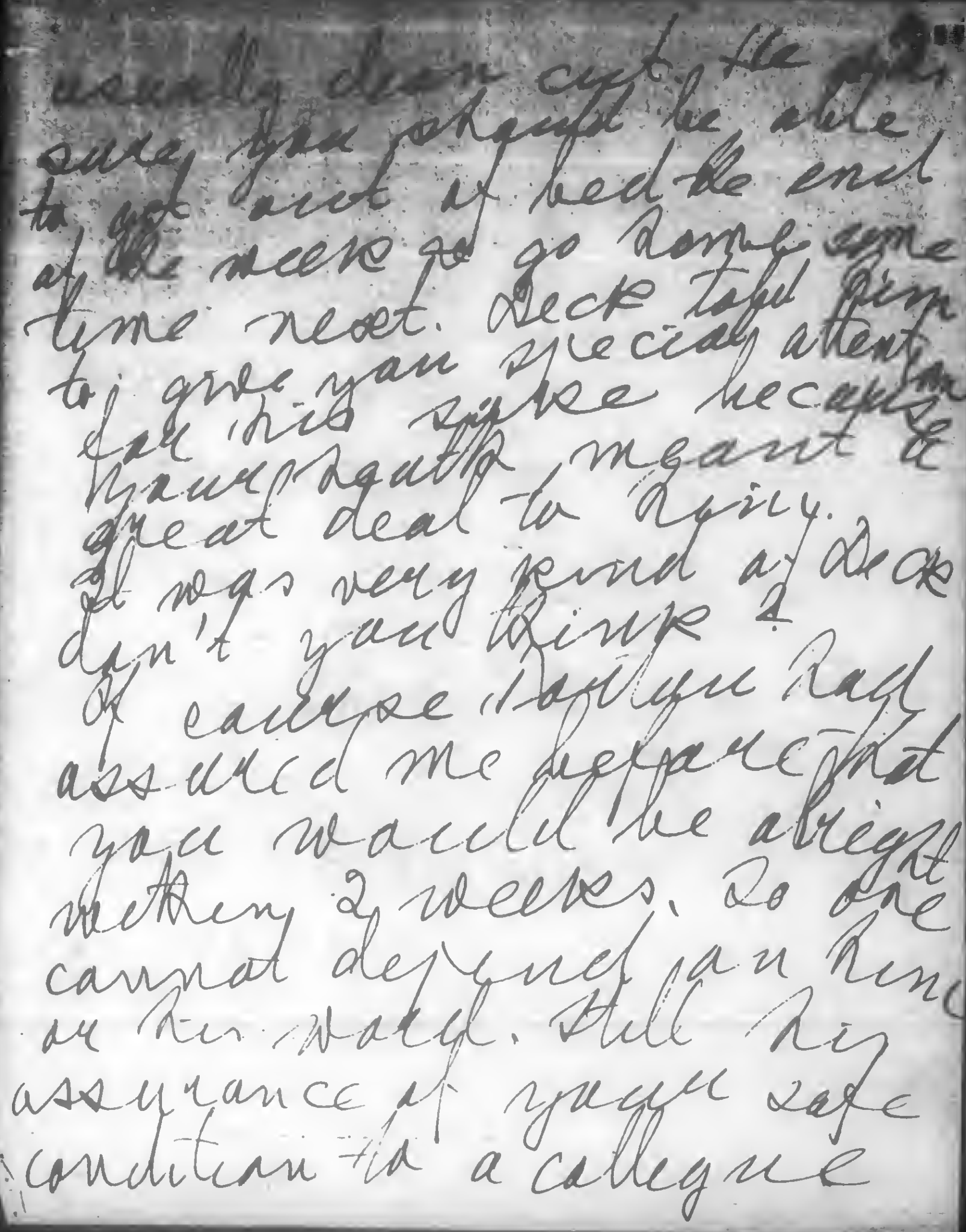
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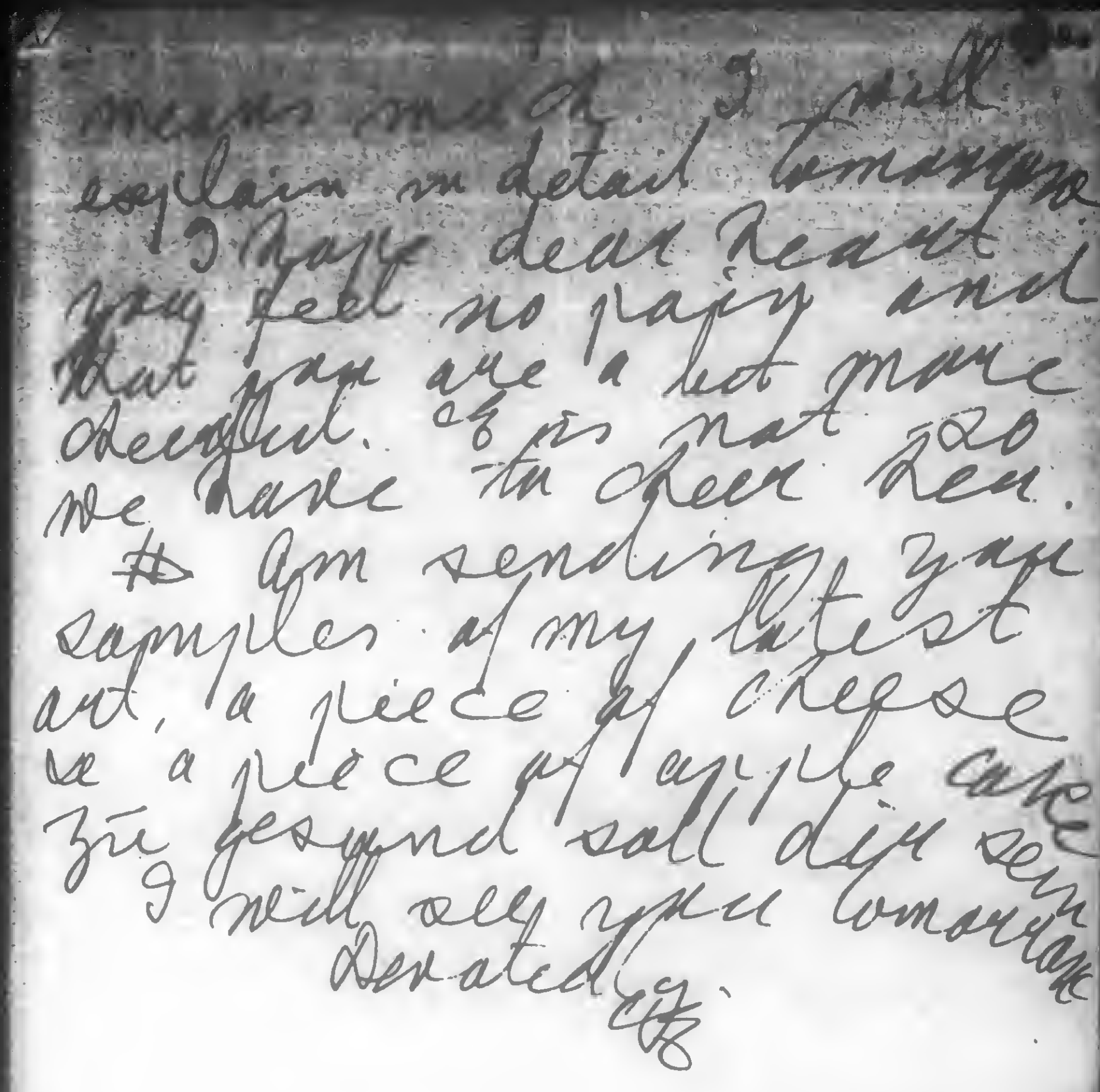
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meanwhile much. I will explain in detail tomorrow. I hope dear Read you feel no pain and that you are a lot more cheerful. Do not take too seriously. I am sending you samples of my latest art, a piece of cheese & a piece of apple cake. Tie beyond call dispose of. I will see you tomorrow. Devoted Em.

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Wed.

Dear Just a hasty note. Please do what you like with these two letters, any correction needed or shortning. Just as soon as I get a copy back I will make some copies here and send them off. I will write at length tomorrow. Meanwhile greetings to the 18th

Affectionately

Emma

I must end by the letter I am writing to Max & Modesty

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Nice, May 1, 1936.

Dear Comrades:

I regret exceedingly that I do not know Spanish and too little French to write in this language. I hope you will find someone who will be able to translate this.

Your letter to comrade Berkman of Feb. 27th reached him almost on the eve of an operation for which he had to go to a hospital. Since then, but for a few weeks at home, too ill to write you, our comrade has undergone a second operation and is still in the hospital. He is slowly recovering. But it will take some time before comrade Berkman will be well enough to answer your letter or the many others that come for him.

Had I been in France I should have written you. But I was in England, on tour. I returned only the 6th of last month and I have been too anxious about the illness of comrade Berkman to find time or inclination to correspond much. Today I feel somewhat relieved because my old friend and co-fighter Alexander Berkman is feeling better. I have, therefore, decided to answer the questionnaire you sent to him. I do so on my own account. I am rather sure that our comrade would agree with my idea in the matter. But he will write you himself in due time. So please take this as my own opinion.

First, the question as to whether the abstention from participation in elections is for Anarchists a matter of principle?

I certainly think it is and should be for all Anarchists. After all participation in election means the transfer of ones will and decisions to another which is contrary to the fundamental principles of Anarchism.

Secondly, since Anarchists do not believe in the Jesuitic formula of the Bolsheviki that "the end justifies the means", it is but logical for Anarchists not to consider political participation as a "simple question of tactics" since such tactics are not only incompatible with Anarchist thought and principles. They also injure the stand of Anarchism as the one and only truly revolutionary social philosophy.

Thirdly, "Anarchists, without scruple, and in the face of certain circumstances exercise power during a transition period?" I confess I was surprised to see such a question come from Spain which had always stood out to us in all countries as the high water mark of Anarchist integrity and consistency. Even without the experience of the Russian Revolution and Soviet claims for the transition period I should not have expected the Spanish Anarchists to be carried away by that term in the name of which every crime against the Revolution has been committed by the Communist Party in Russia. The claims that power is inevitable during the transition period. Unless the comrades in Spain now in favor of the same Jesuit contention imagine that they are so much wiser and incorruptible than others, I cannot understand how they can possibly aspire to power.

From its very inception Anarchism and its greatest teachers have maintained that it is not the abuse of power which corrupts everybody, the best more often than the worst men. That it is the thing itself, namely power which is evil and which takes the very spirit and revolutionary fighting strength out of every body who wields power. Does not Russian reality stand as a living example for this fact? Surely the Spanish Anarchists who now are willing to accept power and

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However, there is ample excuse for Marxians since they believe and propagate the State, they believe and propagate power. But how can the Anarchists whose social philosophy repudiates the State, all political power, all government authority, in short, every sort of power and authority over their fellow man? To me it is a denial of Anarchism and a most dangerous tendency which, if carried out is likely to undermine whatever advance, and recognition as a revolutionary fighting force the Anarchists in Spain represented for so long. Moreover, if they should take power and use it, and power is here for no other purpose but to be used against the very masses who voted them into office, the Anarchists would do incalculable harm to the movement in Spain, and to us in the rest of the world. I am inclined to believe that the participation of some of our comrades in the elections has already discredited our work.

Does this imply that I do not recognise the danger of Fascism, or do not appreciate the imperative necessity to fight it to the last degree? Nothing is further away from my thoughts. What I do mean to say is this: if the Anarchists were strong and numerous enough to swing the elections to the Left, they must have also been strong enough to rally the workers to a general strike, or even a series of strikes all over Spain. In the last analysis the capitalist class knows too well that officials whether they belong to the Right or the Left, they can be bought. Or they are of no consequences to their pledge. Whereas strong and determined economic methods strike the Capitalists in their most vulnerable spot - their material interests. That is the reason they dread the organised economic power of the workers, that is why they see in the general strike their deadly foe.

Now, the psychological moment for all Anarchists in Spain to use their economic and direct action during the revolt of Oct. '34.:

It was their bounden duty to join the workers and fight with them when to the end. The excuse given at the time by the C.N.T. for leaving the heroic masses in the Asturias to their fate, was that it did not want to affiliate itself with the Socialists, with men like Caballero who had so often stabbed our comrades in the back, It was a poor excuse. But granted for argument's sake such an attitude was justified. How then could some of the Anarchists join the Socialists in elections? Frankly, I cannot understand such reasoning. It was shortsightedness of the revolutionary situation rather rare in the history of Anarchist activities. And it is precisely for this reason that the comrades who voted must have felt that they must undo what they had neglected to do in the last revolt of '34. But they will pay for it dearly, I fear, if they are not already doing it.

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I consider it a sorry distinction to have helped twenty communists to office, to have established Communist activities in Spain, to have shown the other cheek to Caballero so he CAN SLAP IT AGAIN, when it suits his political purpose.

I understand that the comrades were largely motivated in their participation in the elections by their solidarity with the 30,000 political prisoners. That was undoubtedly a very commendable feeling. But at the same time their amnesty was merely a short breathing spell. For it is already apparent that the new rulers in the saddle will not leave the prisons empty for very long. History certainly repeats itself. About thirty years ago or more, during black reaction in Italy with its prisons filled with politicals, our old comrade Merlino suggested to Malatesta that the Anarchists should participate in elections for the purpose of an amnesty. Malatesta brilliantly disproved the efficacy of Merlino's argument. He pointed out that Anarchist participation in politics and in elections would merely forge additional chains for the new victims of those who will be returned to government offices. Malatesta did not have the living proof given by the traducers of the Russian Revolution. But he knew well enough what Socialists are capable of doing. The Spanish comrades have Russia before them. Yet they seem to have learned little or nothing from the events there.

In conclusion let me say, dear comrade, that though some of the Anarchists in Spain may be dazzled by the success of the Communists in different countries, it is yet true that they are but of the hour. The future belongs to those who continue daringly, consistently, to fight power and government authority. The future belongs to us and to our social philosophy. For it is the only social ideal that teaches independent thinking, and direct participation of the workers in their economic struggle. For it is only through the organised, economic strength of the masses that they can and will do away with the Capitalist system and all the wrongs and injustices it contains. Any diversion from this stand will only retard our movement and make of it a stepping stone for political climbers.

Fraternally,

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Nice May 14th 36.

Dear Roger.

It is a long time since I received your letter of Feb 6th.But it is only now that I could find the time to answer you. My time in England was hectic but I cannot say it brought great results. In the past exiles could do much for the ideas they held high. Now we in exile have to content ourselves with small achievments. They are more satisfactory than slow mental decay from inactivity. You will see by the inclosed copy of a letter to a comrade and by a short statement I have sent to my friends in A. what I have achieved in England and my dicision to go back. You will also learn if you have not already that my old co-fighter and life long friend Sasha has been dangerously ill. It was his illness which brought me back to France sooner than I had planned.

However, I have good news.After weeks of suffering indeed months because S. was first operated Feb.8th my old chum is beginning to make wonderful strides towards complete recovery. Monday he was permitted out of bed for the first time and to walk a few minutes in the ward. Yesterday he was already so much stringer he ~~was~~ could move about without support. You can imagine my relief and joy to see Sasha take interest in life again and to know that the danger is over. I am sure you will be glad with this good news. I am very hopeful that S. maybe home early next week.After that it will only be a matter of a short while before he will have regained his old strength and spirit. I shall then go to St Tropez for the rest of the summer to prepare new stuff for my winters tour through England.

No,dear Roger, we need not argue Russia. Far from

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Xxxx from brining us closer the miserable swing towards the Right of Stalins regime is certainly not likely to bring us two closer on that score. You see not everybody has the capacity to reconcile the most contradcitory issues. To submit tacidly to the very thing in Russia one is fighting in America. Perhaps it is a failing on my part that I never could do it. But of course you must follow your bent to rationalize the irrational.

No, I have no desire to argue Russia with you. Nevertheless I must call your attention to the latest outrage you may not yet know about. It is this: thw widow of Erich Muhsam who had been lured to Russia by all sorts of promises in reagrd to her husbands literay works has vanished from Moscow and no one seems to know what had become of her. The information we received is absolutely authentic. It comes from a very relaible German working in Moscow, a friend of our dead comrade Erich Muhsam and of his widow. Isn't it ironic that Mrs Muhsam should be sent to Stalins concetration Camps even as her husband was done to death in the concentration camps of Hitler? For there is no doubt that this has happened to Mr Muhsam though what danger she could possibly be to Stalins regime is beoynd me. I dare say she may have talked too much. She comes of Bavarian peasunt stock, was always very outspoken and brisk, a natrual rebel though she has probably never digested her husbands ideas. But she has always been a faith faithful soul. During Muhsams two years of martyrdom Zensl Muhsam has worked like a Trojan for all political victims regardless of their ideas. Her incarceration in some of the many ghastly prison and concentration camps in Russia seems now to be her reward

In a way the poor woman has but herself to balme

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blame. She knew Muhsams attitude to Russia. She knew he had been repeatedly invited to come there by the German section of the party in Moscow and that he had declined even publicly saying he would never accept Stalins hospitality so long as his comrades were in prison and exile. She also knew from numerous people who had come back from Russia of the continued persecution .Yet she ~~fuckin~~ allowed herself to be lured into Stalins citadel. But it is easy to blame people for their foolishness. The question now is how to find out what had become of the woman. I understand that some movement will be started from Paris to compell the rotten gang in Moscow to disclose Mrs Muhsams whereabouts and if possible get her out of Russia. Of course the G.P.U may do with her as they did with Petrini whom they not merely expelled,but turned over to Mussolini. The may turn Zensl Muhsam over to Hitler. You know yourself that the G.P.U is capable of any crime and outrage.

I am writing you about the case because you will probably receive some appeal from Paris to help in the campaign to save Zensl Muhsam. I implore you dear Roger do not let your pro Soviet sentiments to refuse cooperation when you will be appealed to.

Are you going abroad again this summer.And will your time again be so limited as last year.Believe it or not I long to see you regardless of our disagreements. I simply cannot cast out my friends no matter how mistaken I find them. So will you try to pay me a short visit. Perhaps Miss Doty would come along. I have tents I could put you up. I cannot tell you how much this would mean to me.

Write me c/o A.Berkman,101, Blvd de Cessole Nice A.M. My mail will be forwarded should I go to St Tropez sooner than it now looks.

Always with affectionate greetings.

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111, Browning Road,
Enfield.
14/5/36

My dear Emma.

I have your letter dated 10th with enclosure of Mrs. Parsons. I suppose it does you good to have the old jailbird (your word) saying nice things to you. Likewise he, no doubt, enjoys writing them; so all's well.

Just like you: ever ready to defend.. no matter what or whom! Who said it was Reynolds that did me out of 2d? In the first place a Sunday paper costs 2d per copy (2 @ 2d = 4d). I called for the papers at a shop near my office where they were ordered; I was handed a Record & I promptly planked down 2/- for 10 copies received. I found when I counted them to only have 10 copies. I promptly returned and the man said he was sure he gave 12. "Oh" "Thank you", I said. and walked out.

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one thing is certain. that shop will never see my face in it again. And now you may return me until I am reformed.

I approve of your decision to write personal letters to those on the list Nina Brizjo will send you, but I doubt whether it is wise to enclose a stamped envelope. It is only when one asks something for nothing that this is done.

You should not have sent Bass the £2. I told him to come to me for expenses in connection with circulars etc. You amuse me by flaunting the $50 your brother has sent you before and under my eyes. Your brother is a good fellow (the one you love I presume). so you be a good girl and do with the money what

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111, Browning Road,
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she intended you to do with it .. spend it wisely. The preliminary expenses are not worrying me at all; it is the future I am more concerned about. Of course if the result of the "drama" & circulars in general bring ample results there will be nothing much to worry about. Still we must wait & see what happens. Certainly go forward & write where you can if it will likely to result in bookings. Although I am ever happy to receive your letters I'd readily give way to you writing elsewhere for the good of the cause. That I am with you, all the way .. not excluding my packet - you know; and I'm safe! If you need my help before the summer is over you have all my addresses.

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I gave you my office address because I wrote from the office on office paper. I had no other motive. Letters reach me there at all times but it is advisable to mark letters addressed to me there "PERSONAL".

Bass was going to get out a leaflet based on the style of the Drama magazine and I have not seen same up-till now. I think I'll write him & find out.

You mentioned in one of your early letters that you intended approaching a publisher with the view of having "Living My Life" published here in a cheap edition -- what news? If there's nothing doing you will have to order some American editions to sell at your lectures etc.

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ENFIELD 2053

111, Browning Road,
Enfield.

At the moment I am in the throes of preparing the Registers of Electors for 1936/7 (Parliamentary & Municipal) & shall be hard at it until the end of June. This work, I might mention is extra to my ordinary duties & carries extra remuneration. When this work is complete I'll begin to think of a short holiday, and I may get as far as my garden .. it needs me badly, it responses to my treatment and doesn't tumble with my efforts.

On the 15th inst. i.e. next Monday Bill takes his driving test and I hope the passes. She will then be off my hands as far as the car is concerned. I have felt utterly wretched each time I have taken her out to give him a lesson. She is as obstinate as

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a mule and as aggressive as a tiger,
and childish in the extreme. This
on top of being pushed yet time
and yet again it literally makes me
feel jolly horrible & thoroughly
disjointed.

Found it is a mistake to be
constantly good & kind & considerate
if that happens to be one's nature to
be. To attain happiness one should
play up. Then to do so would cost
me more energy & unhappiness than
I experience now. It's a rotten
world -- perhaps it's not but I
don't seem to fit in. I often wonder
whether there is real happiness -
-not momentary but sustained?
I suppose, like the moon, it's far
away.

Glad A.B. is making progress. Yours ibbin

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Nice May 15th 36.

Miss A. Reburn,
~~Forty~~ ellor Cottage,
Marple Bridge
Via Stockport
England.

dear Madam.

The British Drama League has kindly suggested that you might be interested in having me elcture for your society. You have probably seen my circular in the current issue of the Drama Magazine. So you will know I am returning to England in the autumn for an extended tour. I have already lectured before a number of Playgoers Societies such as Manchester, Liverpool, Bristol Birmingham, Norwich, Plymouth and recently also for the Coventry Repertoy Circle. In point of fact some of these groups are booking me again for their coming season. So you see I am no stranger in England.

As regards my fee I wish to say that I have usually been paid five guineas, railway fare and hospitality. But in view of the small size of some of the membership and the lack of funds I have elctured for 3 guineas rather than to discriminate against eager groups because they can but pay a small fee. So that need be no drawback in your consideration about booking me.

As regards the American drama I would like you to know that outside of Eugene ~~Gilbert~~ O'Neill I also treat the works of Clifford Odets, and other very interesting recent plays. Also about the development of the modern American Theatre.

Sincerely.

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Nice May 15th 36.

H.C.Prost Esq.
sct. Boston Playgoers Society
2, Church Lane
Boston Lincs
England.

Dear Sir. I am taking the liberty to write you in case my circul ar inserted in the current issue of the Drama Magazine may have escaped you. I am returning to England in the autumn for an ext ended tour and have already some engagements with Rep Playgoers Societies.In fact some of them know my work from previous years when I lectured for the Playgoers of Manchester, Liverpool,Bristol Birmingham,Norwich and other cities. And recently also the Coventry repertory and the Plymouth dramatic organisation. It occurred to me that the Boston Playgoers Society may also wish to avail itself of my tour for a lecture.

You may want to know my fee. Owing to the diff erent size and condition of the groups that ask me to speak I found it necessary to vary my fee. Some have paid five guineas railway fare and hospitality. others only 3 because they were not able to pay more, and in the case of very small amateur groups I have consented to lecture for two. True, I derive my income from my lectures and my pen. But I dislike keenly to refuse dates bex because dramatic groups are too poor to pay a decent fee. I have found most organisations can be trusted to do their best. And that is the only thing one can expect of others.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Sincerely.

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Nice May 15th 36.

Walter L.Baber esq.
Sect. Birmingham
Amateur Dramatic Federation
50, Yedding Rad.
Moseley, Birmingham
England.

dear Sir.I am taking the liberty to write you in regard to my forthcoming lecture tour through England. The current issue of Drama Magazine contains a circular giving my subjects. This may have escaped you,hence this letter. I em most interested in the dramatic efforts of your organisation and would be very glad indeed if I might speak for it on the Russian,or the Modern American Theatre,or any of the Russian American and Germna plays in my series. by the way, some years ago I lectured for the Birmingham Playgoers Society,so I am no stranger in Birmingham.

About my fee I wish to say that it varys accordinng to the size and means of the dramatic societies who invite me. I usually receive 5,guineas.But I have lectured for 3 and in the case of very small amateur groups also for 2. Naturally, these do not include railway fare and hospitality. My sole income is derived through my lectures and my pen,so I cannot always ~~xxxxxx~~ consider a very small fee.but rather than discriminate against dramatic groups just because their exchequer is low I prefer to content myself with less than my usual fee. I thought you might care to know.

Among the American dramas I also discuss the works of Clufford Odets and very interestingrecent productions.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Sincerely.

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Mrs Ingolt
Sect.
The Sheffield Playgoers Society
Unstone Grange
Nr.Sheffield.
England

Dear Madam.

My circular setting forth my series of drama lectures that was inserted in the current issue of the Drama Magazine may have escaped your attention. I therefore take the liberty to write you in further explanation of my work. I have toured England several times and have lectured for quite a number othe Playgoers Socities. Such as Manchester, Liverpool, Bristol, Birmingham,Norwich Coventry and Plymouth. In point of fact, some of these have again booked me for their new season. It occurred to me that your organization may also like to have me speak on one of the theries mentioned in my circular.. If so would you kindly let me know very soon. I am returning to England in Oct and will begin my tour about the twentieth of the month.

In regard to my fee I wish to say that it has usually been 5.guineas. But if the socities are small or not in condition to pay as much naturally I will accept less. I f I find I can always trust to the organisations to be fair and pay what they can. Of course,railway fare and hospitullity are always outside of the fee.

As regards my talk on American plays I would like you to know that outside of O'Neill I also treat the works of Clifford Odets and other most interesting recent plays.

Sincerely.

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2, rue du Congrès, Nice A.M.
May 15th 36.

Mrs Cuthberston
Sec. The RAMBERLS DRAMATIC SOCIETY
~~xxxx~~ 94, Garden Village,
Dtock-on- Trent,
England.

Dear Madam.

Miss Frances Briggs, sect. The British Drama League has informed me that you had written the League asking about my fee. As Miss Briggs was good enough to send me you name and address I thought it best to write you direct then to Miss Briggs.

My fee depends very largely on the exhequer of the particular Playgoers Circle, or dramatic Society. Usually I have be been paid from five to three guineas, railway fare and hospitality. But I have also lectured for two guineas for small organisations who could not afford to pay more. I am so eager to contact all sorts of dramatic societies in England that the fee is only a secondary consideration. My lectures and my pen happen to be my sole source of income. Still I never want to exclude the smallest and poorest dramatic groups. I am sure your society will do what is just and whithin ~~xxxx~~ its possibilities. I will therefore welcome your booking for a date either the aytumn of this year or next winter. I should however like to hear from you very soon.

Yours sincerely.

Letters will reach me at the above address.

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C/o The American Express Co
2, rue du Congrès
Nice A.M. France
May 15th 36.

The General Secretary
Altrinchan Garrick Society.
Garrick Playhouse,
Barrington Road,
Altrinchan
Angleterre.

Dear Sir. You may have noticed my circular in the Drama Magazine of this month containing an annoucement of my forthcoming lecture tour through England. In case it should have escaped you I am taking the liberty to write you. Three years ago your society wrote my sect.who worked for me then about dates and fees of a lecture on some dramatic theme. Unfortunately I could not then return to England as I had been invited by a number of organisation in Canada on a tour. But at my recent visit between Nov. 35 to Amril of this year I lectured among other organisations also for some dramatic societies. I am coming back to England in the latter part of Oct for a permanent stay and for an extensive lect ure tour. I should very much like to hear from you whether you would want me to speak for your group.

My fees vary according to the exchequer of the societ ies who engage me,from five to 5,guineas,railway fare and hospit ality. Naturally,if the dramtic groups are very small and unable to pay I have accepted two guineas though it is hardly enough when one's sole income is ones' pen and lectures. It is only that I do not wish to discriminate against groups of people because they are not able to pay the regular fee.

I hope I may hear from you soon whether you would care to book me and what dates would be most suitable to you.

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I am summering in the South of France and mail will reach me to the above address. I may say that under the American rama I lecture also about the plays of Clifford Odets and some of the most striking plays of recent date.

Sincerely

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Nice. May 15th 36.

The Sec. Peoples Theatre
Newcastle-on-Tyne
England.

Dear Sir.

My circular contained in the current issue of the Drama Magazine may have escapted your attention. I am therefore taking the liberty to write you in further explanation of my tour through England which is to begin the latter part of Oct. I have of course lectured in England before, among other organisations I have spoken for a number of Playgoers Societies and drama groups, Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham, Bristol, Plymouth and others. Some of them have again booked me. It occurred to me therefore that your society may also care to have me speak on any of the subjects given in my circular.

About my fee, most of the societes have paid me 5. guineas, railway fare and hospitality. As a Peoples Theatre you are probably not in a position to pay so much. However, I am so interested in doing work for just as organisations that I will be glad to come for less. In fact I am quite willing to leave the fee to the good will of your group. I am sure it will be fair.

In speaking of American Plays I wish to say that they include the works of Clifford Odets, and some very interesting recent plays I saw while in the States.

Please let me hear from you very soon.

Sincerely.

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C/o The American Express
2, rue du Congrès
Nice A.M. France.

J.Beck Esq.
Secrt.
Chesterfield Playgoers Society
York House,Brookside,
Chesterfield,
England.

Dear Sir.

My cicurlar inserted in the current issue of the Drama Magazine may have escaped you. I am therefore taking the liberty to write you about a possible date for your society on any of the topics the circular gives. May I say that I am not unknown to quite a number of Playgoers Societies in England. During my previous tours I have elctured for the Playgoers in Manchester, Liverpool, Bristol, Birmingham, Nowrich and Bath. And recently also before the drama group in Plymouth and Repertory Circle in Convetry. Most of these organisations want me again during my forthcoming tour which is to begin the third week in Oct.

About my fee I would like to say that it has varied according to the means of the societies who have engaged me. Mostly I have received 5.guineas, railway fare and hospitality. But in cases where the groups were small or unable to pay much I have consented to speak for 3,guineas and on special occasions also for two. My sole income is derived from my lectures and my pen so I cannot as a rule speak for a small fee. But I dislike to refuse because of monetary consideration. I have therefore always left it to the consideration of the societies who have always done their very best.

under the item of American drama I also lecture a on the works of Clifford Oddets and some most inter sting, recent plays. Also about the development of the modern American theatre.

Hoping to hear from you soon. Sincerely

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c/o The American Express
2, rue du Congrès,
Nice A.M. France.

G.P. Taylor esq.
Sect. Curtain Theatre Rockdale.
12,booth Street,
Manchester,2.
England.

Dear Sir. In case my circular inserted in the current issue of the Drama Magazine has escaped you I am taking the liberty to write you about some bookings from your society. May I say that I have on my previous tours through England lectured before quite number of Drama groups and Playgoers,thus I spoke in Manchester Liverpool, Birmingham, Bath, Norwich,and recently also in Plymouth and Convetry. It seems that my talks have given satisfaction becaus I was asked for other dates. May I therefore also hope to hear from you.

My regular fee is 5,guineas, railway fare and hospitality.But I have also accepted three and two from dramatic groups unable to pay five. True my sole income is derived from my lectures and my pen.But I dsilike to refuse any organisation desirious to have me lecture because of lack of finances. for this reason I leave it to the groups to do what they can.

In speaking of the American drama I wish to say that I also discuss the works of Clifford Oddets and other most interesting plays outside of Eugene O'Neills whom I know personally and I also lecture about the development of the modern American Theatre.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Sincerely.

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Nice May 15.36.

Miss E.Chivers,
Sect. The Bristol Playgoers Society
11, ~~Landsdowne~~ Landsdowne Place,
Clifton, Bristol.

Dear Mrs.

I am somewhat puzzled about the secretarship of the Bristol Playgoers Club.Some months ago I heard from Mr J.Howard as the Hon secretary. A few days ago at my request Miss Frances Briggs Sect. of the British Drama League sent me your name and address as the Secretary of the Bristol Playgoers Club. I am taking the liberty to write you in case you have not noticed my circular which was inserted in the current issue of the Drama Magazine.

Mr Howard knows my work because I lectured for the Club ten years ago on Eugene O'Neillen' works. It occurred to me that your society may care to have me again during my tour of the autmn of this year and the winter of 37. If so will you kindly let me hear from you very soon.

As far as my fee is concerned I would like to say that the Playgoers Club paid me 5 guineas last time and railway fare. No hospitality was necessary because I have friends in Bristol I am usually shopping with. If 5 guineas should be considered too much in these difficult times I will accept less. I am stating this so you may know that the amount is not the deciding factor with me though my sole income is derived from my lectures and my pen.

Please remember me very kindly to Mr Howard.

Sincerely

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France. May 15th 36.

D. Robinson Esq.
Sect Halifax Thespians,
6, Saville Terrace.
Halifax
Angleterre.

Dear Sir.

In case my circular inserted in the current issue of The Drama Magazine has escaped you I am taking the liberty to write you direct. I have already received a number of invitations to lecture on some of the themes given in my circular ~~xxxx~~ during my forthcoming tour through England. Perhaps your society would also care to book me. May I say that on my previous tours I have elctured befcre the Playgoers in Birmingahm Bristol, Liverpool, Norwich and recently also in Plymouth and Coventry. And I am going back to these organisations who seemed pleased enough to invite me again.

My fee varrys according to the means of the groups who invite me to speak. From five to two guineas. I may say however, that I have charged two only to small dramatic groups who were not able to pay more. Of course, railway fare and hospitality are not included in the fee. I may say that my pen and my lectures are my sole income .Still, I never like to refuse to lecture because some dramatic groups cannot afford to pay my regular fee.

In the American drama I discuss not only Eugene O' Neill whom I know personally. But also the works of Clifford Oddets and other interesting new plays, as well as the developement of the modern American Theatre. Sincerely

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Nice, May 15th, 36.

Miss K. Watson,
Sec't, Liverpool
Playgoers' Society,
8, Blu[illegible] Chambers,
School Lane,
Liverpool
England.

Dear Friend, By already giving my series of lectures on the Russian and Mexican tragedy and plays may have stepped in the current issue of Mss Viewing, I am taking the liberty to write you, if to not deal a stranger to your society. For I have lectured for it about ten years ago. I believe the name of the Sec't. then was Mr Thompson. I am no longer sure, Now that I am soon again planning to tour England it occurred to me that the Liverpool Playgoers may want to hear me once more. As for myself I should be delighted to meet the many kindly people who had attended my lectures and make new friends among your members.

Your organisation paid me £ [illegible] for my talk, railway fare and most gracious hospitality. Should I no longer be in a position to pay so much I will come cheaper, specially as I am most keenly interested to see the growth of the Liverpool Repertory Theatre under the direction of Mr Mr Armstrong with whom I had a most pleasant chat.

Please let me know as soon as possible whether you would care to book me either for the late autumn of this year or the winter of next. Kindly remember me cordially to all your members who have not forgotten me. Also to Mr Armstrong.

Sincerely,

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Nice May 15th 36.

F.K.Doran,
Sect. Manchester
Playgoers Society.
46, Carhill Drive
Fallowfield,
Manchester
England.

Dear Mr Doran. Unless my memory is failing me I have an idea that we have corresponded before. Your name certainly seems familiar to me as the secretary of the Manchester Playgoers Society who gave me the chance to lecture before that body on Eugene O'Neill. If I am mistaken please forgive the familiarity.

You have probably noticed my circular that was contained in the current issue of The Drama Magazine. You will have seen that I am again planning to return to England, this time for a permanent stay to lecture all through the country. I wonder wheth your society would care to hear me again the coming season, either the late autumn, or next winter. Please let me know soon.

My fee I received from the Manchester Playgoers was 5 guineas and the fare as well as the most gracious hospitality But if owing to the hard times that should prove too much now I will of course come for less. I am most eager to meet my old friends among the Playgoers and make new ones if possible. So may I hear from you, please.

Sincerely.

P.S. Of the American plays outside of O'Neills' I also discuss the works of Clifford Odets' and some very interesting recent play I have seen while in the States not long ago.

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2, rue du Congrès Nice A.M.
France, May 15th 36.

B.J. Benson Esq.
Medway Theatre Club;
6, Mill Street
Maidstone, Kent.
England.

Dear Sir.

You may have seen my folder inclosed in the May issue of the Drama Magazine. I am not taking the liberty to follow this up with a personal letter. I have been enabled to do so by the secretary of the British Drama League who was good enough to send me your name and address.

On my previous tours through England I have lect tured to playgoers societes in Manchester, Liverpool, Bristol Bath, Birmingham and others. And I already have several bookings fo my next tour beginning the third week in Oct. I wonder whether you Club would also care to have me speak on either the Russian or the American Theatre and Drama.

My fees vary accorindg to the exchequer of the societes who wish me to speak. Form five to three guineas, hospitality and railway fare. In such cases as small amateur group I have accepted two guineas. That of course was because I never like to refuse such groups th, t are unable to pay more.
May I hope to hear from you very soon if your Club would like to book me?

I can be reached at the above address or the British Drama League. I am summering in the South of France and my address here would of course be more direct.

Sincerely.

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Nice May 15th 36.

A.N. Dobson.Esq.
Sect. Cardiff Little Theatre,
"Macwood",
Betts-y- Coed Rd.
Cardiff,South Wales.

Dear Sir.

You may not have seen my circular inserted in the Drama Magazine of this month. I am therefore taking the liberty to write you in some detail. As long as ten years ago I have toured England and have lectured before a number of Playgoer Societies and other dramatic groups.Among them the Manchester, Liverpool, Birminghma and Bristol Playgoers.And recently also before the Coventry Repertory Circle,the Plymouth drama groug and others. Nearly all have asked me for dates during my forthcoming tour that is to begin the third week in Oct. Perhaps your organisation would also like to avail itself of my work.

I may say that in addition to Eugene O'Neills works I am also lecturing on the plays of Clifford Oddets and some of the recent intersting productions. Also about the development of the Modern American Drama.

About my fee; while my sole income is derived from my lectures and my pen I have usually left the discretion of the fee to the socities for whom I have spoken. Some have paid me 5guineas,others 3. And on rare occasion I have consented to take two guineas where the dramatic groups were small and unable to pay much. Of course railway fare and hospitality are extra.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Sincerely.

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T.R. Ellis Esq.
Sect. Stockport
Garrick Society
Rossett,Marple Rd.
Offerton,Stokkport.
England.

Dear Sir.

My circular contained in the current issue of the Drama Magazine may have escaped your attention. I am therefore taking the liberty to write you in further explanations. It may interest you to know that I have toured England in previous years and I have spoken before a number of Playgoers and Dramatic Societies.Among them Manchester, Liverpool,Birmingham, Bristol,Norwich,Bath and last winter also Coventry and Plymouth. It occurred to me that your organisation may care to book me for any of the themes given in my circular.

As regards my fee;while my sole income is my lectuures and my writings I have varied my fee according to the size and means of the societies who have engaged me. I have been paid five guineas. I realize times are hard and few societies can now afford as much. I prefer therefore to leave it to the dramatic groups who book me to pay what they can. Naturally, railway fares and hospitality are extra whatever the fee.

In reference to the Moder American Drama I wish to say that outside of O'Neill I also treat the works of Clifford Odets,and a number of ver interesting and recent plays I saw in the States not so long ago.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Sincerely.

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2, rue du Congrès, Nice A.M. France,
May 15th 36.

Frank Thompson Esq.
Sect. Hull Playgoers Society
Kirkella Rise,
Kirkella, near Hull.
~~England~~

Dear Sir. You may have seen my circular inserted in the current issue of the Drama Magazine. In case it has escaped you I am writing you about possible bookings of your society. In my past tours through England I have lectured before a number of Playgoers and Theatre Societies. And I already have some engagments for my forth coming tour which is to begin the third week in Oct.

My fees vary according to the exchequer of the society that wants me to lecture. My general fee is from five to 3 guineas. But I have made the exception of two guineas for small amateur groups unable to pay more. It is only that my sole income are my lectures and my pen so that I could not as a rule speak for less than three guineas. But I never like to refuse any group interested in the dramatic exposition in which my work consists. Of course, railway fare and hospitality must be included ~~xxxxxx~~ outside of the fee.

I will appreciate an early reply as quite a numb are, writing for dates. I may say that in the American rama I also speak of the plays of Clifford Odets and other recent intersting American plays.

I am sumuering in the South of France and mail will reach me at the above address.

Sincerely

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Nice May 15th 36.

Miss A.Freda Cooke,
Sect. Barnsley Playgoers Society
21, Westgate Street,
Barnsley.
~~Lancashire~~
England.

Dear Madam.

My circular contained in the current issue of the Drama Magazine giving my proposed series of lectures during my forthcoming tour in England may not have escaped you. I am therefore taking the liberty to write you. I have on previous occasions lectured before a number of Playgoer Societies in England, among them Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Bristol, Coventry Repertory Circles and a lot more. So I am no stranger in England. It occurred to me that your society may care to avail itself of my 36-37 lecture tour for a lecture on some if the themes ~~max~~ given in the circular.

Regarding my fee; owing to the different sizes and means of the many Playgoers and Dramatic Societies I have also found it necessary to varry my fee. The usual amount is 5 guineas for smaller groups I have accepted three. I am keenly interested in the growth of the dramatic societs in England and whenever it was a question of accepting a small fee or not contact the group at all I have made allowance for the small means of the groups. It is however, true that my income is derived entirely from my lecture work and my pen. I am therefore compelled to ask for at least 3 guinea, railway fare and hospitality.

In regard to the American drama I wish to say that I discuss not only O'Neills' works but also Clifford Odtes and some very intersting recent plays.

Hoping to hear from you soon. Sincerely

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Nice, May 15th 36.

Miss C.Robson,
Sect. Bradford Playgoers Society,
101, Arncliffe Terrace,
Legrams Lane
Bradford
England.

Dear Madam.

The current issue of the Drama Magainze contained my circular about my lectures on the drama and the theatre. In case this should have escaped you I am writing you in further detail. During my previous tours through England I have lectured before a number of Playgoers Societies and dramtic groups, among them Manchester, Liverpool, Bristol, Birmingham, Norwich and Bath. And recently in Plymouth and before the Coventry Repoertory Circle. It occurred to me that your society may also care to have me when I return to England in Oct for an extensive lecture tour.

I may say that in regard to the American drama I lecture not only on Eugene O'Neills' works but also those of Clifford Oddets, and other interesting recent productions. Also on the development of the modern American theatre.

As regards my fee I wish to say that it varrys according to the exchequer of the socities who engage me. It has usually been 5.guineas, railway fare and hospitality. But such groups that are unable to pay as much or are very small have paid less, three, and on rare occasions only two. My sole income is my pen and my lectures so it is rather hard to accept a small fee. But I am gald to do so rather than to refuse engagements from organisations just because they are not able to pay more. I thought you will want to know about this.

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Kindly let me know very soon whether your society will want a date.

Sincerely.

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France. May 15th 36.

Mr Stanley Watkins,
Sect. Newport Playgoers Society
122,Commercial Street
Newport.
England.

dear Sir.

You may have noticed my cicular insertion in the Drama Magazine giving the subjects of my drama lectures. I am now tak ing the liberty to follow this up by a personal letter which the courtesy of the Drama League enabled me to do. I have in the past lectured before a number of Playegoers Societies,in Manchester, Liberpool, Bristol,Bath,Birmingshma and others. All these have invited me to lecture for them again on my forthcoming tour through England in the autumn. I wonder if you too would not like to have me speak for your society.

My fees vary according to the exchequer of the organisation that invitesme to lecture,from five to three guineas. Railway fare and hospitality. If however the society is small I am willing to charge only two guineas. I am primamrily concerned to contact British dramatic and playgoers' societies though I have to admit that my pen and my lecture work are my only source of income.

May I hope to hear from you soon in re some bookings. Mail will reach me at the above address.

Sincerely.

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Nice May 16th36.

My dear Shloime. My correspondence instead of diminishing is daily growing heavier. You will appreciate this when I tell you that I wrote 22 letters yesterday. These were all to secretaries of theatre and drama organisations a list of which Miss Briggs sent me. She also wrote that the secretary of The Ramblers' Dramatic Society of Stoke-on-Trent had written asking for my fee. Too bad I did not think of mentioning it in our circular. It would have saved labor and postage. And yet it maybe just as well for people to write for it. That shows interest. Well, I have written the lady in question. Naturally, in my letter to the secretires whose names and addresses I received from Miss Briggs I have mentioned my fee, or rather fees. I used to get five guineas and way fare and hospitality from Playgoers, but times having changed I doubt whether many will pay as much. So I said if they are not in a position to do so 3 guineas would do.

As you know I have a good Yiddishe Kopf. I inclosed addressed and stamped return envelopes. So none of the organisations will have the excuse in not answering my letters. I did so that we may have replies even if they will be in the negative. By the way The Ramblers' Society is of course in answer to our circular in the Drama Magazine. It was placed very advantag ously, people cannot possibly miss it if they open the Magazine.

Apropos of our circular, please send the balance to Barr. It is absolutely necessary he should inclose a copy in the letter and annoucement he will send out. Because many of the W.C.L.C. and the Educational groups of the COOPs will probably prefer drantic lectures to social topics. And since we have a lot we might as well make use of them. If only they would

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not look so patched with the necessary corrections. My dear,I dis covered a third mispelling of the names. It should read Otrovsky and it read Ostrotsky. Awful. It is my fault.I should have read the proofs at once and should have wired you the corrections. Better the expence than three errors on one sheet. Its bad enough to have rotten spelling in letters.But on a circular of a lady hoo writes and talks about drama and literature it is stupid. Well, it cannot be helped.

Its turned frightfully hot here all of a sudden and all my summer clothes are in St Tropez. I am more hopeful now than when I wrote you last about going out to my place the end of the month. Believe it or not I need a rest,mental more than physic for nothing but death will destroy your T.G. I will keep you post ed about my change of address. By the way,when does your vac tion begin,if at all? After the intensive work you have done these six weeks I should think you will need a rest and time to invite your soul.

I am going out to Auntie to day for the week-end. In her case like in mine so foten it never rains but it pours.The last news from her was that she lost a favorite brother of hers. What is this about the sale of her house? I thought it was difinit ly settled that she was to keep it and the work on the Aprts had begun. Just why do you think the place will not be suitable for me? Please tell me as I keenly dislike puzzles. Is it because the neighborhood is not "respectable" enough,or poor,what is it?

I rather think Olga will do what she undertakes to do for me. She wrote me she was very willing. Perhaps you expecte the impossible of your daughter. Parents are usually the most un

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attack of tonsilitis. As we have no maid there I was kept to busy to write a line.

The day before we came back to town Jene came down with a bad throat which turned out to be scarlet fever. Not knowing that for a couple days I tried to take care of him myself for three days and nights, found it was too much and retired to bed with strict

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49 QUEEN ANNE STREET
LONDON W.1.

May 16, 1936.

Dear Emma,

Here at long last are the tickets and the six shillings for those that were bought. Your letter followed me to the country where, by the time it reached me, I was busy nursing my mother who had a most

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orders to stay three days. But the man came down with her private form of tonsilitis which has since developed into guinsy (?), the char woman was away on holiday and could get no extra help at all — as I got up again. I'm feeling well now but this is the first minute I have had to write a letter. César is away, Dashie is in quarantine in the country and my sister's little girl is just getting over measles, so you see I've had no chance of any secretarial help.

César and I would love to see your young friend and I'll write him tomorrow.

What happened to your trip to France and how is Mr. Berkman?

Affectionately,

Marion

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Dearest Sasha,

To day is the 18th. Not since you came out of your living tomb was there so much cause for rejoycing as now when you are out of danger though still far from complete recovery. I sing with every fiber of my heart that by the 18th of next month you maybe on your feet again, much stronger and on the way of complete recovery. I are not be too optimistic that you may then be so much improved that you can come to St Tropez for your real convalescence. I don't mind in the least, if it will be at the end of May. The main thing is that you should soon be able to return to your home and Emmy who ins making great preparations for your homecoming.

Meanwhile we are deviding xxxx the honor and distinction of taking our turns to help you back to strength. To day I send you my special thoughts and abiding love and devotion.

Rose a smell of these lovely lilacs. Emmo

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Nice May 18th 36.

Dear,dear Fan. Why hast thou completely forsaken me? Really my dear you cannot imagine how one longs to hear from dear friends when one is in exile far away from our dearest and nearest. I have thought of you a great deal since I am back in France April 6th. How you enjoyed your winter.What your plans are for the summer.If you are still thinking to come abroad with your lovely daughters and equally lovely son? Your blessed hobby assured me he would send you over. I would so like to know whether this good intention still stands.

The inclosures will give you and idea of my last months in England my plans for the autumn,and the force that brought me back soon than I had contemplated. I have gone throw two most anxious months about the grave illness of my old friend Alexander Berkman. I am glad to be able to say that the worst is over.He is improving,very slowly to be sure.But he is on the way of complete recovery. Alas he is still kept in the hospital.That is the reason for my hanging on to Nice though I no want to get to bon Esprit,my dream place in St Tropez. Of course until Berkman is out of the hospital and in his Apart here I cannot leave.However I am hoping he will be home in a week and that he will will strong enough not to need me.He has a very devoted sweetheart who can take excellent care of my old chum.

As I said I hope to be back in St Tropez in about two weeks. I admit I feel very very tired and there is no place where one can rest so wonderfully as in Bon Esprit. Also I want to prepare new stuff for my winter in England. And do some extensive reading.

Well, my dear now that I told you all about myself perhaps

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you will follow my good example and write me about yourself. The family and your plans for the summer.

I inclose some clippings that will interest you. Please remember me kindly to Mr Stark and affectionately to your fine trio. Also to Edith and Ronny Schwartz.How are they? Arethey coming abroad? How is June.Give her my love. And if you see our awfully nice Rabbi remember me most cordially to him.

I do hope I may hear from you soon. Please addrress me c/o The American Express,2,rue du Congrès Nice A.M. France. My mail will be forwarded to St Tropez when I am there. Just now I cannot say difinitely when that is to be.

With lots of love.

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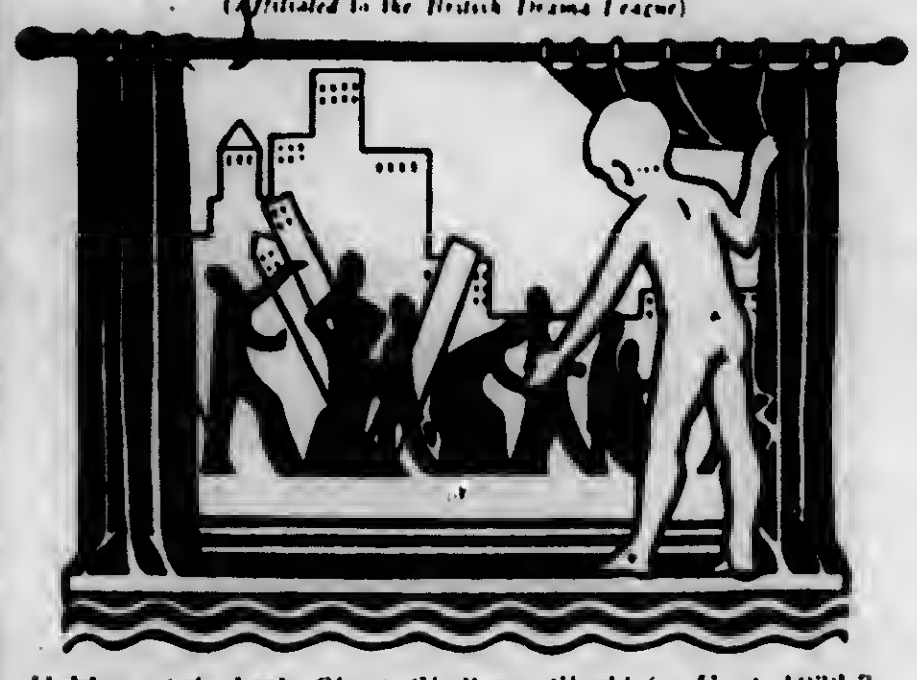
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18th May 1936.

Miss E.Goldman,
c/o The American Express Co.
2 rue du Congres,
Nice A.M. France.

Dear Madam,

I am obliged by your circular but regret that this Club is unable to afford even £2:2:0 plus expenses for a lecture.

Yours faithfully,

B. J. Benson

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18. 5. 1936

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Nice. [illegible]
France

Dear Madam

The Bradford Playgoers Society does not organise lectures. It is a very small society, really a Drama Library. We buy plays, read them & lend them out to other Societies.
But we are affiliated to the Bradford English Society which does have one or two noted lecturers during the season.
I have therefore passed on your letter to the Secretary of that Society.

W. Ce. Robinson Esq.
Secretary Bradford English Society
St. Phillip's School
Girlington
Bradford

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is The Civic Players.
If you care to write them the address is—
Miss Winifred Priestley
Secretary
The Civic Playhouse
Bradford

Sincerely
Clara Robson

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Nice May 19th 36.

Dear Miss Briggs.

Thanks for your letter of the 11th and the names of the secratries in Newport and Maidstone. I had overlooked the name of Altrincham which you had kindly included in the list of names. I have written them all and am now awaiting a reply.

I have written Mrs Cuthbertson of the Ramblers' of Stoke -on-Trent giving her my fee. For your information in case you should be asked by phone I wish to say that I had been paid 5.guineas,railway fare and hospitality.But times being so hard I am asking 3.guineas,fare and hospitality. In case of small amateur groups I am willing to lecture for 2.But I cannot make it a rule because I depend for my living on my pen and lectures.

I saw in last Sundays Observer that among the dramatic groups that will participate in the Drama Festival are quite a number of Scotch societies affiliated with the British Drama League. I wonder if you have the names of the secretaries of these organisations. Especially the larger ones. I would like to follow up my circular with a personal letter.

I have written some friends of mine suggesting that they attend the Drama Festival. So you may hear from them, the Suttons especially for tickets. I wish I could be there myself. Perhaps next summer when I hope to remain in England.

Cordially.

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METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF STEPNEY.

TELEPHONE 3113 ROYAL

RATES OFFICE,

238, CABLE STREET,
ST GEORGE'S, E 1.
9-5-36.

My dear Emma.

You are the thousandth person that has given me a lecture about Olga. Every one imagined they should handle Olga, but the net result has been, in the fact, that Olga has handled them. Olga has been made, I admit to the guilt, into a spoilt darling. This consolation, however, I have: had I not spoilt her she certainly would have spoilt herself - she is made that way; she is the moth that expects the flames to come to her; she is the pivot around which she wants the world to revolve.

You imagine that what Olga says she sincerely intends to do. Very well; I leave her to you to get things done. You have my blessings.

I intend you to have the copies of the letters you urgently want early next week: sorry I can't execute your mission sooner.

When you say a couple of 2½d stands I presume you mean a Yiddish couple (a few) anyway here they are staring you in the face.

I am sorry about all these mistakes. I should have thought Mrs. Bernford was great fuss in these matters.

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Either way, life *is* one huge mistake and we have to make the best of it.

About Auntie's house I will not for the moment say much. But if the place is sold you must not shed any tears. On the other hand if you return, and there's a flat vacant, providing auntie is still the owner, you could then decide whether you will have it or not.

Beryl went in for her test yesterday . . . and FAILED — failed because she refused to pay attention to details that I persistently tried to knock into her obstinate head. She is now a nurse and I hope, a better woman. Another month has to elapse before she can undergo the test again. Meanwhile she is still on my hands. Work, in plenty, is also pressing heavily upon me. I must therefore conclude with all good wishes to H. B. & E. and heaps of love to you.

Yours

C. Shloime

A few more days to
will not go amiss.

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19th. May, 1936.

Dear Miss.Goldman,

Thank you for your letter of the 15th.inst. I brought your lecture tour before the council of this federation ar a recent meeting,but their decision was for the present to go no further than to file your name for future reference.

Yours truly,

Walter L. Barber
Hon. Sec.

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Dear Arthur do you know the man who is ~~supp~~ supposed to be American important book and MSS collector? I ask because a very dear friend of mine has four sheets by Lawrence that were to be included in ~~mxxwxrk~~ one of his works but remained unpublished. She would very much like to sell these sheets. I have not read them. But I understand they are interesting and valuable. Frieda Lawrence presented my friend with them because it was Mrs Gordon-Crotch, (the name of my friend) who exhibited Lawrences paintings in her place in Vence. If you know the collector please let me know.

Friends of mine in Chicago are publishing a brochure in 12,000 copies, the MSS I had sent to Harpers and that had been returned. It is a painstaking study of the PLACE of THE INDIVIDUAL In SOCIETY. I had suggested they should ~~me~~ Knopf for an Ad. At that time I did not know Living My Life was out in a cheap edition. Well, Mrs Jeanne Levey, I believe you met her, has written to the Garden City people for an Ad. But they have not replied. Wo would you kindly call them up and see if you can make them realize that it is not a small thing to reach 12,000 people of the very sort that had been waiting impatiently for a cheap edition of L. L. Perhaps they will send an Ad. after all, it will not cost so much and it may bring results. If they consent they are to get in touch with Mrs Jeanne Levey 1514 Merchandise Mart, Chicago Ill. It is to be done soon because the MSS is already set up and the

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affectionately
Emma

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& he is to be operated
& will have to come
back to Nice

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Bearsville, May 20th

My own darling:

Our blessed Moe has been in Huntington Hospital since May 11 and has developed a thrombosis in his leg. I am afraid there is no hope now. Everything possible is being done to make him comfortable. Saxe saw him Sunday, so did Ian. It is a matter of days, so you will probably have a cable days before it is read as you. They kept it from me because I can do no good and Moe is only partially conscious. Babs is in the hospital with him. I only heard yesterday. I had Saxe on the phone and his condition yesterday was the same. I wrote Babs a special as in her if she wants me. She has a devoted friend beside her, who is also one of Moe's nurses. There seems nothing else now but to wait for the end. My thoughts are now all with poor stricken Babsie. There is nothing else I can say though I know what it will mean to you, my own, as I know how grief-stricken, I am.

I forwarded your letter last Saturday to Babs, with a little humorous note of my own, never dreaming that the situation was what it is. I am returning her letter which you enclosed where she still sounds so happy.

I do hope our beloved Sasha is out of the hospital and getting well fast and that Emmy feels better. Give them my love and very best wishes. I have the enclosed from Milly, too bad their plan failed.

I am just hanging on to the phone. Moe's condition last night at 8 was the same. Certainly it is only owing to Babsie's devotion and care that we were able to have him here on earth for the past six years.

I debated all last night, my dearest, whether I should write you, but I thought it best that you should have a letter, in case we have to send you a cable.

Ruth is still in the hospital. We are hoping she can go home the end of this month. It is up to her now. Rob has been devotion itself to her. I must confess that now I can think of no one except Moe and Babs.

I can not afford any false comfort, beloved, except that I love you with all my heart and soul - and it's our comon pain.

Stella

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York House,
Brookside,
Chesterfield.

20th May 1936

Dear Madam

I am much obliged by your letter & circulars regarding lectures but have to inform you that it has not been the practice of our Society to engage lecturers.

Your letter was read at a Meeting of our Society on Monday evening & they instructed me to write you to the effect that

they did not think lectures of this nature would attract sufficient an audience here as our Society is only small.

I regret we cannot ask you to come to Chesterfield & thank you very much for drawing my attention to your Circular.

Yours sincerely
J. H. Beck.

Miss Emma Goldman,
C/o. American Express Co
2. Rue du Congrès
Nice A.M.

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My dear Shloime.

I feel quite rich with two letters from you following each other so quickly. Yours of the 14th came day before yesterday. Cannot understand why it should take five days from London to Nice. On the other hand yours of the 19th came through in only two days. I got it this morning. Anyhow I feel rich.

Dear Shloime, I wish you would free yourself from the notion that I want to lecture you, or "defend" everybody and everything against you". Nothing is further away from my thoughts. Please remember that. I still contend about the two copies of Reynolds you had failed to get. I thought it was the Reynolds Office. As regards the newspaper dollar I am surprised you did not impress him that your word is an good as his. Instead you go away saying "thank you" determined never to go back to him. I do not call that fighting for ones rights. But after all it is such a trivial thing, merely not worth mentioning it.

I know nothing about the possibilities of your daughter. But if she really has the characteristics you charge her with then she is a chip of the old block. You may not know it, few parents do that Olga is singularly like you in her need of approval and all the other traits you claime she has. Indeed I may find that you are right. Still I want to give her the benifit of the doubt. I realize that lack of dependability she does not have from you. For your are marvelous in this regard. But as I pointed out she is so young and fathers or mothers are proverbially the worst teachers of their children. They are too subjective, too close. That is a truism as old as mankind. It is the same with

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husband and wives. they are not detached enough and cannot be to be fair in their judgment of each other. don't you see dear Shloime,most people love with closed eyes,they insist love is blind I have come to believe that it is infinitely more difficult and painful to love with open eyes,to see the shortcomings of the one we intensely care about and yet love him or her. that is the most enduring love whether between man and woman or parents and children. alas, both are rarer than diamonds.

happyness, I agree with you.there is no such a thing.There are exhultant moments.but happyness is too elousive to last long. If it does it is like what Nietzsche called," the scramble of flies for a spot on the window-pane". It is a sort of contentment which comes from inner poverty,or dullness,or both. my slogan for myself has been like that of Strindberg who wrote " I find the joy of life in the terrible struggle of life, the struggle of my vision ,its heights and its depths.". No, there is no happyness nor have I ever striven for that.

dear man.it is not that I like or feel flattered with tributes such as Powys or the thousands of others I have received in my days. It is that I want my friends outside of America to know something about me,to know it from people who saw and heard the real E.G. Not the one they hear in England, the one they imagine.Thats why I have sent you Powys letters.

what you say about return stampt envelope only when one wants something for nothing may apply to England. It cert ainly does not so apply to the states. In my experience of such a procedure which we always used in our office, a stampt and addressed return envelope is sent with appeals made for funds for

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you in order to maitain one's own equilabrium. And so you have Beryl still on your hands. Could you wish for a nicer girl! Really my dear much as I like you I cannot sympathise with you on this score.

However, I do feel badly that you will have to work so hard until the end of June. You told me only two months which I figured as April and May. In fact I as so sure that your holiday begins early in June, I was waiting until I myself can go to St Tropez. I planned to write you then to pay me a visit. You see I will be alone most of June as he will need all of that month to build up his strength. Now did I expect other visitors in June. Is it really impossible for you to come early next month? I understand there are awfully many excursions for forty days between England and France. June will be my only chance to be your real hostess. I will be too crowded I fear in either July or August. Let me know my dear.

Nothing was done about a cheap edition in England of L.M.L. Now that it is to be had for so little the new firm, The Garden City Publishers may find some stylish publishers. I can do nothing about it. Of course I will try to get some shipped to England. The trouble will be that the new firm know nothing about me, it has sprung up since my deportation, and it may not be willing to send me books on credit, or consignment. I will see. But I am determined to have L.M.L. on sale at my lectures.

Now, my dear, dear Shloime, I cannot agree wi with you "that is is a mistake to constantly good, kind and consd erate". It is most wonderful to be all that. Besides, if it is in ones nature than the joy must be found in expressing these

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various purposes including bookings. Anyhow, the letters have gone out. We will see how many replies will come. So far as the circular in the Magazine is concerned only one reply has come so far, and that only regarding the fee. Of course it is too early to expect replies, the drama and playgoer people maynot begin to prepare their syllabus until the end of the month or early June. So we must be patient.

I hope you do not think Barr asked me for money. That would be wrong. I sent it to him myself so as not to worry y you. As I have already written you sufficient unto the day when I will be completely strapped. Not now, there is no need of you paying every item. Indeed, indeed I am certain that you are with me "in every way not excluding your pocket". No a reason why I sh should not become a nuisance, or permit anyone else to burden you. Never mind about the money my brother sent me. He has never dictated how I am to spend anything he ever let me have, untill his severe illness, ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ he supported me for two years. He leaves the method of spending what he sends to me. And what better purpose than the preliminary expenses for my next tour? So its alright. Yes, it is Maurice, or Moishe as I always call him who has been as my own child and whom I love deeply.

And so Beryl has failed in her test. What a traged I dare say she is "stubborn and aggressive". But did it occur~~xxx~~ to you that you maybe a bad teacher? Fact is you admit as much yourself by saying "she r fused to pay attention to details ~~xx~~ that I persistantly tired to knock into her obstinate head". You seem not to know anything about modern methods of education. Or you would know that padagogy no longer even attempts to "knock" anything into pupils head. It consists of bringing out, not knocking in. Besides, you are so aggressive yourself one must resist

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traits out of the fulness of ours heartand to give in such a sprit that the receiver should not feel burdened,or hurt. Giving is a great art and few have developed that art.

I agree the world is rotten,pure reason to capture if only a very small part of it by ~~xxxxxx~~ endowing it and enriching out with one's own vision,one's own joy one derives from enriching the lives of others. May you always be able to achieve that.

Please,my dear do not again say I lecture you. I am merely expressing my own feelings and attitude. I do so because I flatter myself you want to know them. I should not otherwise impose my ideas or r actions on you or anyone else.

Goodby my dear.

Affectionately

thanks for the stamps. By couple I meant three or four. what a stickler you are.

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New York May 21/36
80 Van Cortlandt Park So.
Bronx N.Y.
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My Dear Emma:

I am certainly thankful for your nice letter, and all the information about Sasha, my long delay in answering seems contradictory, but you have no idea how worried I was, and I really still am. You see its really this, and the long distance, the feeling of futility, when at its best, it takes weeks to get answer, and then no one knows what has happened in the mean Time.

And then too things are so hopelessly quiet here, and our circle is getting smaller and smaller, I believe ninety per cent of my personal friends have gone over to the communist, and believe it or not, but it hurts. Then of course there are the endless arguments.

About our own circle Things are not bad when I got your letter, about Sasha feeling I felt so happy. I thought we had a great contribution. It was the first of [illegible] and I decided on a party for Sasha,

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well the few friends I met, had no objection
to a party, but thought it had to be exactly
through a group. well I dont know whether you
know our groups. I suppose if some suggestion
would come from you, they might stir
up and do things, but Minna Lowensohn
has no weight she is not of importance in
the movement, perhaps they are right I
dont belong, I dont believe that we More, and
if we do its backward)

Well to make a long story short, I did
not go to ask the sanction of the Federation
for one reason, that they only met a week
before the affair, and even if they sanctioned
it I would have to do it all by my self, but
I knew, that if I came to the meeting even on
the 8 of May when they met. they would naturally
say that the time is to short, and they might
have been right.

But as it was, I was alone, there are always
a few of my dear friends who stood by me
and we had a little affair at Sea gate a
[illegible] to be exact, there were 9 of Sasha's

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Friends, I know that you will be disappointed over the small number, but I was so disgusted after the actions of our friends concerned I really lost my head, and did not notify those who might have come. But small as the number was, we had a lovely time, the weather and Sasha cooperated beautifully, the former by a perfect day, sunshine, and cherry blossoms, the latter by preparing a perfect meal, and a lovely table setting, Dr Cohen, by contributing very good wine, and plenty, and then our friends, Millie and Rudolf, Harry K. the Isaacwitzes, and Mr Atchinson and Johanna and all the rest who were perfectly charming to me on behalf of Sasha.

And then I just made ($30.00) thirty dollars profit on the luncheon, of course I would have had much more if we had more guests however I shall have a few more dollars, the people who made reservations and couldn't come will pay, so of course I will send it on.

I see that this is turning out to be a long letter, and since all this concerns Sasha as well, you may as well let him read it

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About my self, you can surely guess my mood sometimes all this strife affects me to such an extent, that I feel physically ill, and am ashamed I dont like to see anybody nor go anywhere. But I felt so good over Sundays Luncheon, my friends treated me as if I were a real hostess, so since Sunday it was and all week, Monday Sour Bitter Stream. Tuesday I had Dinner at the Isakowitzes, Rudolph and Willie were there. Wenesday I went to see some friends, and this is Thursday, and I have devoted it to correspondence.

I have not been working since April 25 but I expect to start again on June 1.

I do hope that this finds you all in the best of health and spirit. Yours.
Minna

Sasha dear

This is a little bit of space I write to you, but it shall contain all the love, friendship and good wishes, that one human being is capable to convey to another, thing some other time I may say it in some more words.

As ever yours
Minna

My best to Emmy, tell her I wrish her to keep well for

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May 21st 1936.

Dear Miss Goldman

We have happy recollections of your visit when you lectured to members of the Playgoers Club.

The new Committee will meet towards the end of June and next Seasons Syllabus will then be discussed - I shall most certainly mention your name and hope that some favourable arrangement can be made.

I note that you can be found through the British Drama League and will write to you after our meeting

Yours Sincerely

Josephine Doran

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21 May, 1936.

Dear Miss Goldman,

Thank you for your letter. I have pleasure in sending you herewith a list of the more important societies affiliated to the League in Scotland. You will see that I have put the name of the Altrincham Garrick Society at the bottom of the list in case you haven't got it.

Thank you for the particulars of the fees for your lectures.

Yours very sincerely,

Frances Briggs.

Miss Emma Goldman,
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Nice, A.M.,
France.

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Nice May 23rd 36.

W.C.Robinson Esq.
Secretary
Bradford English Society
Girlington Bradford
England.

Dear Sir.

Miss Clare Robson,Sect of the Bradford Playgoers Socie writes me that she has turned over my letter to her in re my lectures to you. She also suggested I might write you. I am doing so because I wish to let you know that I lecture also on literatur and not only the drama. It occurred to me that you maybe inter ested in Booking me on SOVIET LITERATURE,ITS STRUGGLE AND ITS PROMISE. Or modern American writers.

I will appreciate an early reply whether you would care to book me.

Sincerely yours

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Nice May 23rd 36.

Miss Winifred Priestley
Sect. The Civic Playhouse
Bradford. England.

Dear Madam.

I am writing you at the suggestion of Miss Clare Robson, Sect. of the Bradford Playgoers Society. She thought your organisation maybe interested in having me lecture on any of the subjects given in the inclosed circular. The latter was inseeted in DRAMA, the Magazine published by the British Drama League. You may have seen it.

I have already lectured in England before a number of Playgoers Societies, among them the Playgoers of Manchester. Liverpool Brittil, Norwich, Plymouth and The Coventry Playgoers Circle. And I am returning to England in the autumn for another and more extensive tour.

In re my lectures on the Russian Drama I would like to say that Chekhov now being played considerably in London your group maybe interested to hear me on his life and works. Or any other of the pre revolutionary masters. Of course, I also speak o of the present dramatists. As regards the modern American drama I also treat the works of Clifford Odets and a number of most interesting recent plays.

About my fee: I have been paid 5 guineas by the la large Playgoers Societies. The smaller groups paid only three. Railway fare and hospitality are not included in this.

May I hope to hear from you soon please whether your society would care to book me.

Sincerely yours.

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1 Victoria Grove, Fallowfield, Manchester

May 23rd 1936

Dear Miss Goldman

Thank you for letter - which I have passed on to the committee.

We have just finished work for the present season. and do not start again till October.

yours sincerely.

A. Reburn.

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B.

Nice May 24th 36.

Dearest Jeanne.

I have been writing you every week, or nearly so. I delayed a little with answering yours of the 8 inst because I hoped I could tell you Sasha is at last out of the Hospital. It looked like that last Wed. But Thursday he had a small set back. Fact is, Sasha would have been out of the Hospital long ago had he been in a de cent clinic under trained care. I cannot begin to tell you how inadequate the care in the Pasteur is. When I tell you that a patient is permitted to slowly die of starvation because he cannot retain nourishment by way of mouth you will realize the primitiveness of the place where Sasha is. Thirty years ago they knew in America how to feed patients medicinally. Not so the French Hospital in 1936 erected in the name of one of the greatest med ical scientists. You bet, if I had been here before Sasja was op erated I should have insisted on a ptivale clinic. True it would have meant a big expence. But would you believe it the tips for every little favor Sasha must give has also not been a small sum. Well, he is over the worst, he is certainly improving. But he chafes under the delay of his dismissal from the Hospital and so do we. I am going to see him this afternoon, so will add a line about his condition.

Thanks to a physician friend of mine in a little twon n nearby, Emmy has been feeling much better these last days. We have to knock wood. Of course her chronic condition remains, she will probably not get well without an operation. But if her present cond ition keeps up she will be able to wait until Sasha is strong again and really well. That may take the whole summer. For myself,

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I can say that I am afraid of the operation because I was told by the friend that Emmy may remember as much of an invalide as she is now. Unfortunately, I cannot mix in the dicision about the op eration.No use going into this matter.You will understand I am sure. All I can and will do is to nurse her after her operation.For the rest Sasha and Emmy must decide ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ I said the matter. All I can and will do is to nurse Emmy after the op eration,if I am still in France when it will be done.In any event we are hoping she can be placed in a clinic where she will get trained care. Dr d'Eck,the physician who has already helped E so much will try to get her in on a reduced rate.

Dearest, I was surprised to find that Yalinsky is in charge of the pamphlet you are having printed. Not that I ob ject to him. I only fear that if the matter will be handled by the group the results will be nil. I thought it would be entirely in your hands.But of course you know best how to go about the matter. You are so efficient darling you can make mountains move. That is not my experience with groups. If Sasha and I had the money woing us for literature in the States during our years of activity we'd be secured for a long time. I hope this will not happen with the brochure you are getting out.

As to the pamphlet the Vanguard hopes to publish, in the first place they havenôt yet collected the money and heaven knows when they will.In the second place it would be sad indeed if the people who will buy the Tow Communisms will not be suffic iently interested to buythe Individual.After all it is only going to be a question of an additional ten cents. Besides, I rather think that the Individual will interest people outside of our ranks.If it were advertised in the Nation it surely would. In any event

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It might also be worth while to send copies to some of the leading reviewers on the leading papers and magazines with a short letter calling their attention to the brochure. Have you thought of that? I mean such papers as the N.Y. Times and Herald Tribune, the New York Evening Post, the Chicago Daily News, or whatever more less liberal paper there is. Also the St Louis Post Dispatch. The Springfield Republican. And also to the Nation, Mrcury, Harpers etc. It might help the sales. And what is equally important call attention of the American public that we are the only ones who have faith in the individual. In any event I can not withdraw the Two Cumminsms as I gave the MSS as a gift to the Vaguard. But I am sure it will not hurt the chances of the other.

I have written my good friend Arthur Leonard Ross to get in touch with the Garden City Publishers and try to get them to put an add in the pamphlet. If he succeeds you will hear from them. By the way, whether they give an ad or not thm it should be mentioned that L.M.L can now be had for $1,49.

You must have received my acknowledgement of the $50 long ago, also of the $8. I cannot say at this moment when I will go out to St Tropez. That depends on Sashas retrun here and h his condition. So it is best you keep writing me c/o his address. I will let you know directly I can go out.

Love to Jay and yourself.

I hope you will have a happy and restful summer.

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Mr. JACK KEMP
Hon. Treasurer:
Mr. CYRIL CHANTLER

56 Cookson St.
Blackpool.
May 24/36

Miss E.Goldman.

Dear Madam.

Mr Chantler our Hon Treasurer has passed on your letter to me. I'm sorry to say that we can not - at the moment-take advantage of your tour in England

Yours Sincerely.

Jack Kemp

Chairman.

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in the North"
Dark Lady of the Sonnets"
Pert"
"
Barbara"
Dear's House"
Moon in the Yellow River"
"
Precious Stream"

Miss Emma Goldman 24. 5. 36.

Dear Madam

Thank you for your letter. I am sure the Playhouse Club would be very pleased for you to give a lecture for them some Sunday during next winter.

Unfortunately, we cannot fix any dates at the moment as our theatre is being rebuilt, & we do not know when it will be finished. However I will put the matter before the Club Committee & ask them to let you know as soon as possible. We cannot take any bookings until after Xmas.

Yours sincerely
Winifred Priestley
Hon. Sec. B.C.P.

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NEWPORT, Mon. May 25th 193 6

Dear Madam,

I thank you for your letter offering to lecture to our Society. We, however, are not arranging a lecture next winter, otherwise we should have been pleased to invite you.

I have been in communication with another Society in the town, and I think it is likely you will receive an invitation to lecture from that source.

Yours faithfully,

J Stanley Watkins

Hon. Secretary

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Paris May 25th 1936.

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My own beloved Emma, Emie and Sashenka,

My dearestones! I feel so guilty before you!

Darling Sash, we received your post card written from the hospital the 18th of May. It was such a great joy to see your handwriting again!!!! TO HEAR FROM YOU DIRECTLY.

The 18th of this month was 30 years since you returned to this world, and this time we had double cause to celebrate: for it is no more the 2nd but your 3rd birthday... since you have freed your-self from this dreadful prostate business. Yet, to my deep serrow, I couldn't even send you a wire that day! You were probably told that I started a new treatment for my facial trouble. It is called short wave treatment. It is suppored to have done some good to some people. Unfortunately, it was not so in my case. For the last 10 days, I felt worse than ever and suffered terrible shooting pains in my head, face and eyes. When I complaint to the doctor, he said,"well, we probably gave you too much of it. Let's give you a rest for 15 days and then we will see". This is the first time since many days that I feel a bit better and I am so glad that I can keep my head up and chat with you our own beloved boy! Let me embrace you dear, and best wishes for a quick recovery.

Emmotchka, your 2 letters received also copy of your to Carbo. It is a very good reply indeed. Much better-and more to the point-than many of the other replies I have seen. Günther, we will see tomorrow. He lives very far and receives his mail through a friend, thats why it took some time to arrange the appointment. I remember the name. Erich often spoke of him. Will let you know of course, the result of our meeting.

I wrote to Helena Stassowa and Fanya wrote to Peshkowa asking for the whereabouts of Zenzl Mühsam. Neither one nor the other answered! Your idea of writing a letter to the NATION & MANCHESTER GUARDIAN, is a good idea and will surely bring results because the Bolsheviks count with these papers. But be careful dearest Emma, do not accuse directly, as we have no proof that she became a victim of the G.P.U. For the presen we are only supposing that something has happened to her because her friends lost trace of her. In other words, when you put the question: WHERE IS ZENZL (KRISTENTIA) MUHSAM?, you can add that she vanished since the 23 of April 1936. That her friends have tried every way of finding her whereabouts, but it was all in vain. You c n say that letters were sent to [redacted] official personalities in Moscow, but remained unanswered (do not mention names otherwise Peshkowa may never answer us any more) but be careful about suggesting that she may be in a concentration camp, for we don't want to give the Bolsheviks a chance to say that we are a false alarm.

DearestEmma, do not worry about the unfortunate result of the new treatment. If I spoke about it above, it was to explain why you didn't hear from us on the 18th. We felt very bad to let it appear as if we didn't think of our Sasha on this great day. I hope you didn't feel bad about our silence, for you a r e a l w a y s with us, my darlings, whether we write or not, and on May 18th, more so than ever.

Emiechen, thanks, for your sweet consoling letter. You are so full of good cheer that reading you, one would never say how deeply you suffer.

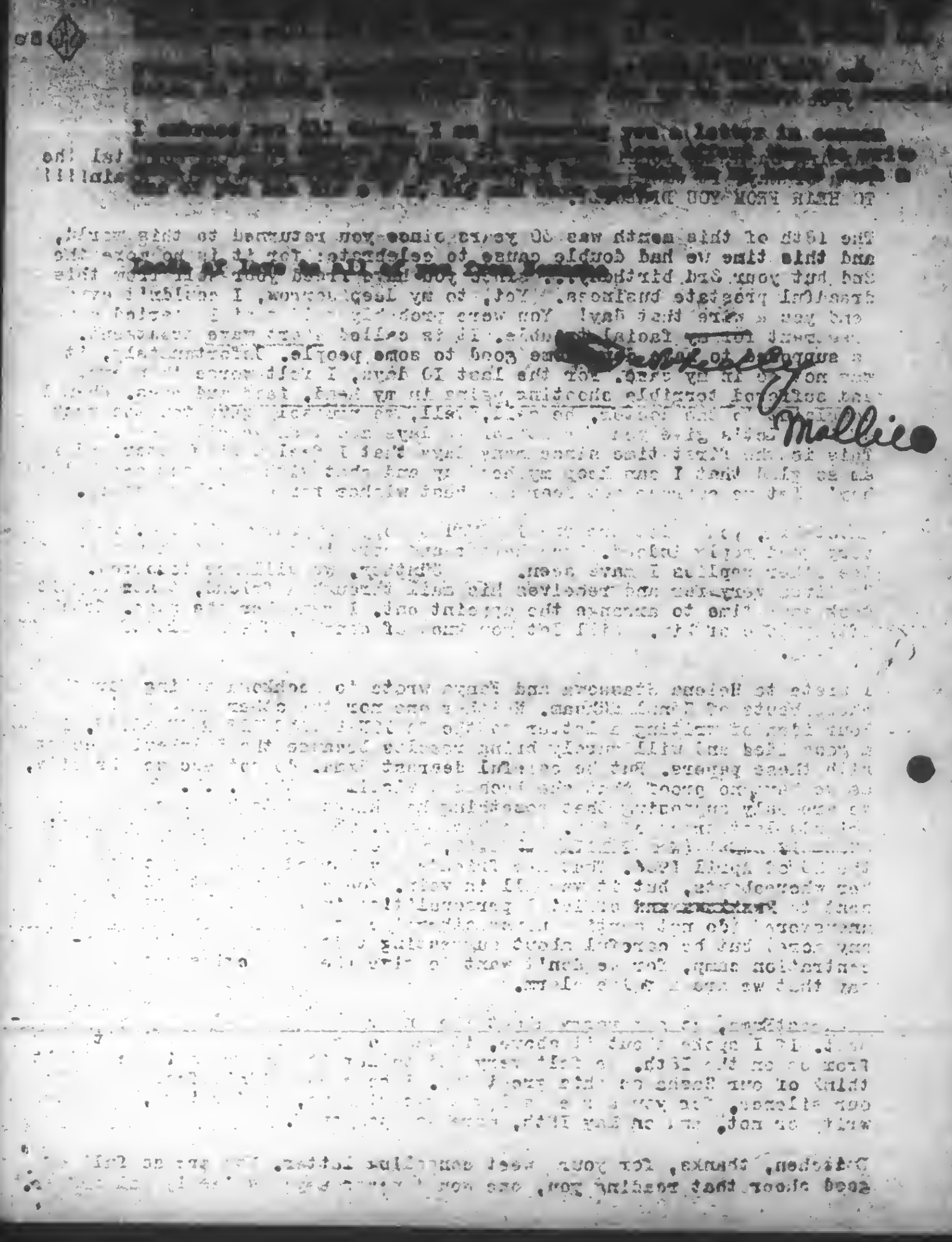
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Mollie

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May 25, 1936.

Mrs. E. G. Colton
c/o A. Berkman
101, Bd. de Cessole
Nice (A.M) France

My dear E. G.

Your letter to hand and I passed on your good news about A. B to M. E. F., Sax and Pauline. I hope by this time S. is out of the hospital and fully recovered.

Glad to read about your lectures in England and that you think you are going to talk some more.

I have long delayed answering your letter but it was good to hear from you.

There is nothing really new here except some interesting experiments in the theatre. Last night "The Battle Hymn", the life of John Brown, written by our old friend Michael Gold was presented.

At the present writing there is no chance of my coming across but if it should happen I will say "lady take a ride with me."

I am with all best to you, A. B. and all my other friends across the water.

Sincerely,

HW:BW

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Nice (A.M) France

My dear E. G.

Your letter to hand and I passed on your good news about A. B to M. E. F., Sax and Pauline. I hope by this time he is out of the hospital and fully recovered.

Glad to read about your lectures in England and that you think you are going to talk some more.

I have long delayed answering your letter but it was good to hear from you.

There is nothing really new here except some interesting experiments in the theatre. Last night "The Battle Hymn", the life of John Brown, written by our old friend Michael Gold was presented.

At the present writing there is no chance of my coming across but if it should happen I will say "lady take a ride with me."

I am with all best to you, A. B. and all my other friends across the water.

Sincerely,

HW:BW

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THIRTEEN SIXTY-ONE MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY
ATWATER 9-2572

Tuesday
May 26

My darling

You see I am writing from Cancer. Jeanne is in Saranac, Jane staying out in Englewood with Lib. Stella - Teddy + I drove out to Hinchingbrooke Hospital where we were allowed to see Max for about 10 minutes. He was under morphine - but perfectly lucid asked about everyone - He is paralyzed in one leg + they will not amputate - tho' he keeps begging them to. It may drag on for months yet - but there is hope. He has 3 nurses - has had Medical surgeons in America - and the only prayer we have is that the end comes quickly, now. His fr'ds are staying till they see him under morphine - (or so I am told) he is in a daze - that he may fall asleep - She does not want anyone to see him again.

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We asked for you the next Rio 539
love. The hospital that you wrote to.
not mention. How
terribly afraid of any publicity
Chicago goes. Dr Humphries
me that she warnice about such
things at such a time. Bor-
Baby - she looks worse than
he does - she hasn't slept or
eaten - she wants to be alone -
Her mother & allen are with
her - & Ida & Harold stay
with her - but she doesn't
want me - Roe rushed to
see us again in the afternoon
but he was under Morphine
again - we sat in a room near
by. We left about 4 p.m. after
shaking 2 hrs with Bass. Dr
Miller - who has been devotion
Hall - saw him at 5 p.m.
Sunday she talked with him.
As this may go on for weeks -
and Mr Lebpleas - we leave
for Bearnville day after to-
morrow -
What can I say? Did I ever
dream that I would wish Mrs

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end? Can you imagine what
it costs me to write this down?
Even calling up — is an impossi
bility — Nine days on. Entirely
it. is right up — & it is gener-
ous —
Jack left yesterday a.m.
Sam really the hospital
induced the head of his charge
her. The whole home. Ready for
Good —
Ed does not like to be home from
the hospital — Well quickly
Give him my love. Moe asked
for you & sent his love. He is
terribly concerned for Sasha her
future — Please don't carry her
& write her direct — but through
me — I will write for everything
my own beloved darling — My
Pa heart break for us both — He
looks so quiet — His lovely
eyes — His magic — so clear —
It was then I saw him & Bess
tells me he even philosophizes.

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But she has stopped all visits
to me, Jules and has persecution
mania upon herself - poor child -
can you wonder?
Heaven only knows what will
become of her!

I hope will be there at the end -
I've promised to write you
fully - it's the cruellest end -
for dear one - such a poor,
pathetic heart -
I hold you in my arms -
my tiredness - succeeds fated
to deal you painful blows
but this is the kindest thing
I ever wrote you -
With devoted love
Stella

Bob asked me to send you
her love -

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Nice May 27th 36.

Mr John Anderson
Airdrie Academy,
Braidwood,Albert Place
Airdrie Lanarkshire
Scotland.

Dear Sir.

You may not have seen my circular contained in "Drama" of this month. So I am taking the liberty to write you. As you will see by the inclosed I am lecturing on Russian, German and the American drama and modern theatre. It occurred to me that your society may care to hear me on any of the subjects. I may say that I am not unknown in England. I have lectured before quite a few Playgoers' and Dramatic Sococites though I never had the pleasure of treating these themes in Scotland.

Such organisations as the Manchester,Liverpool, Birmingham,Bristol and Coventry Playgoers have heard me before and some of them have also booked me for the coming season. It occurred to me that your society may also care to have me speak.

I wish to say that I lecture on any of the pre revolutionary Russian seperately. Tchekhov especially is most interesting. Also in speaking of the plays in America I treat outside of O'Neill the works of Clifford Odtes and some of the most recent and very vital plays now being produced in the States.

About my fees I can say the large organisations have paid me five guineas, rail expences and hospitality. The smaller ones three guineas and railway expences as well as hospitlaity. I have however made special price for very small groups who cannot pay more than tow guineas and expences.

Hoping to hear from you soon in re some

Sincerely yours

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Nice May May 27th 36.

Miss Aitken
Scct. St Andrews 1920 Club.
Toll Park
St Andrews, Fife
Scotland.

Dear Mme. In case my circular in DRAMA OF THIS month has escaped you I am taking the liberty to write you about my lectures on the drama and the thatre. My forthcoming tour is not the first to en able me to reach various playgoers and dramatic socites in England though I have never before lectured on thsee themes in Scotland. The Manchester, Liverpool, Bristol and Birminghams Playgoers have heard me and intend to book me again for the coming season. Also Coventry. It occurred to me therefore that you society may also like to book me on any of the subjects in the inclosed circular.

In re the pre revolutionary Russian dramatist I wish to say that I lecture on each one seperately. Perhpas Tchekhov now being most in vogue in England may appeal to you most. But the others are of course equally interesting.

As regards the American Drama , Outside of Eugene O'Neills' works I also treat the plays of Clifford Odets, and other most vital recent plays by various authors.

About my fees, the large organisations have paid me 5, guineas, railway expences and hospitality. The smaller ones 3, guineas plus expences and hospitality. Also I have made a specila price of two guineas for very small organisations unable to pay my regular fee.

Hoping to hear from you soon in regard to possible bookings.

Sincerely yours.

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Nice May 27th 36.

Mr R E.Armitt
Sect. The Green Room Club.
27, Portland Road
Kilmarnock
Scotland.

Dear Sir. In case my circular in "DRAMA" of this month had es caped you I am taking the liubery to write you aboyt possible booking for your society the coming season or 37th. I am no stranger in England though I have not had the pleasrue to lecture before Scotish societies. I have spoken before the Playgoers of Manchester, Liverpool,Bristol,Birmingham, Coventry and others. And some of them have asked me to give them dates on my return.

As regards my themes, I speak of the great pre rev olutionary Russians seperately,Tchekhov especially now very much in vogue in England. Also I treat the the works of Clifford Odets and those of other very vital young dramatists in America in addition to O'Neills works.

In regard to my fee I wish to say that large organisations have paid me five guineasm railway fare and hospital ity.Smaller ones 3 guineas plus the fare and hospitality. And I have made special fee for very small Groups of limited funds at 2,guineas.

Hoping to hear from you in regard to some bookings.

Sincerely yours.

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Nice May 27th 36.

Mr Harold M.Adams
Sect. Dundee Dramatic Society,
32 Bank Street
Dundee,Scotland

Dear Sir. I am writing at the suggestion of Miss Frances Briggs, Sct of the B.D.L. You may have seen my ciruclar in DRAMA of this month, setting forth the subjects I am treating in re the drama and theatre. But in case it has escaped you I am taking the liberty to write you personally. It may interest you to know that my for hcoming tour through England and Scotland will not be the first. I have already lectured in previous tours and last win winter for a number of playgoers societes,among them Manchester, Liverpool, Bristol,Birmingham,Coventry and others. I occurred to me that your society may also be interested to have me speak on any of the themses given in the inclosed circular. I may say, that I also treat the different pre revolutionary Russian Masters seperately. Also I am prepared to speak about other works than those of Eugene O'Neills' such as the plays of Clifford Odets,and most interesting recent American plays.

About my fees, the large playgoers socties' have paid me five guineas, railway fare and hospitality. The smaller ones 3 guineas outside of expences and hospitality. Also I have made a special rate of 2 guineas for very small groups unable to pay more.

Hpping to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely.

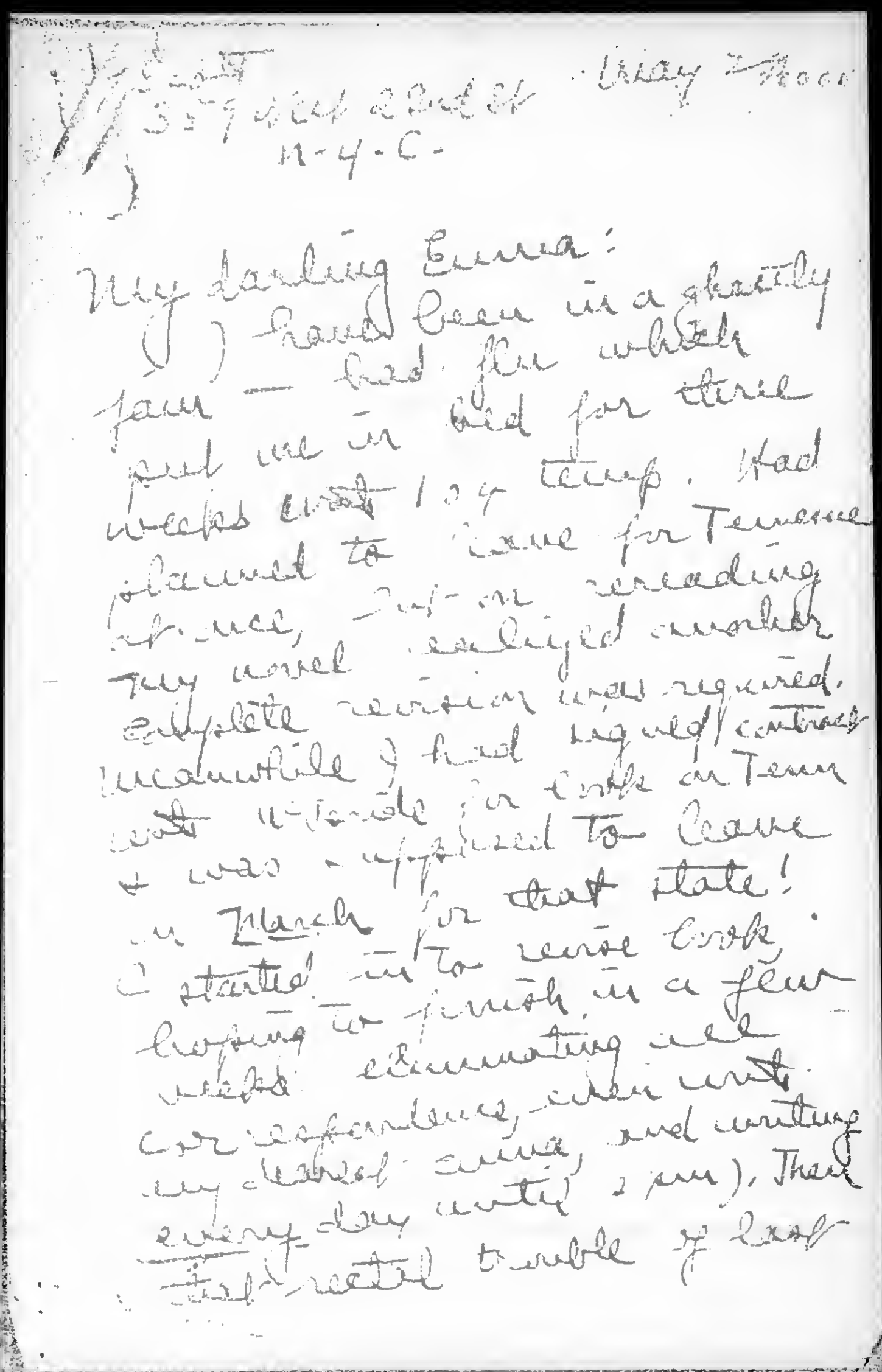
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May 28th
37 West 72nd St
New York City

My darling Emma:
(I) found Evelyn in a ghastly
state — had flu which
put me in bed for three
weeks last Dec 19 temp. Had
planned to come for Terrence
dances, but on recording
trip, realized another
complete session was required.
Meanwhile I had signed contract
with Columbia for 6 mths on Tenn
& was afraid to leave
in March for that state!
I started in to revise book,
hoping to finish in a few
weeks eliminating all
cor references, then write
my closing chapter, and writing
every day until 2 pm). That
total wasted trouble & loss

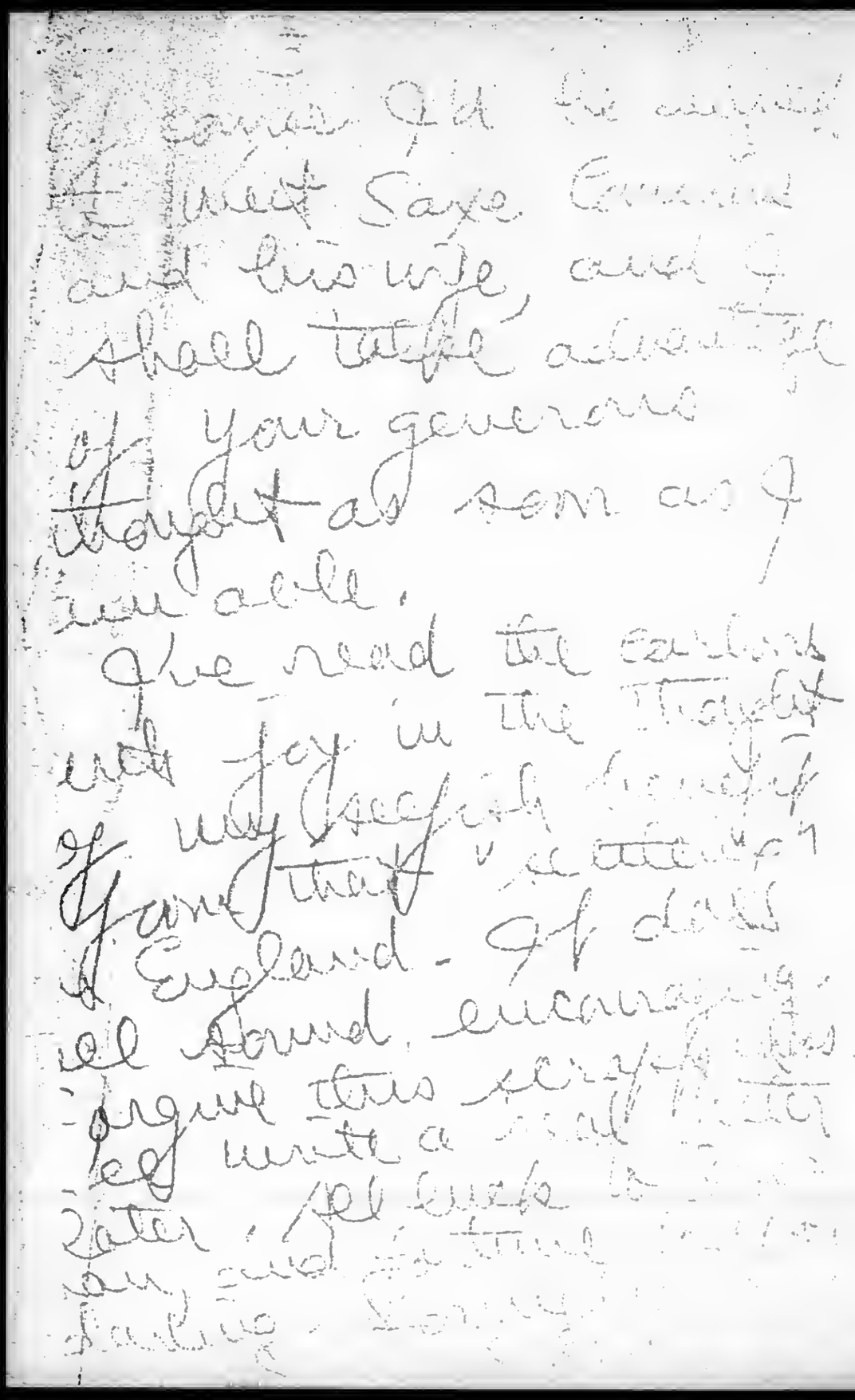
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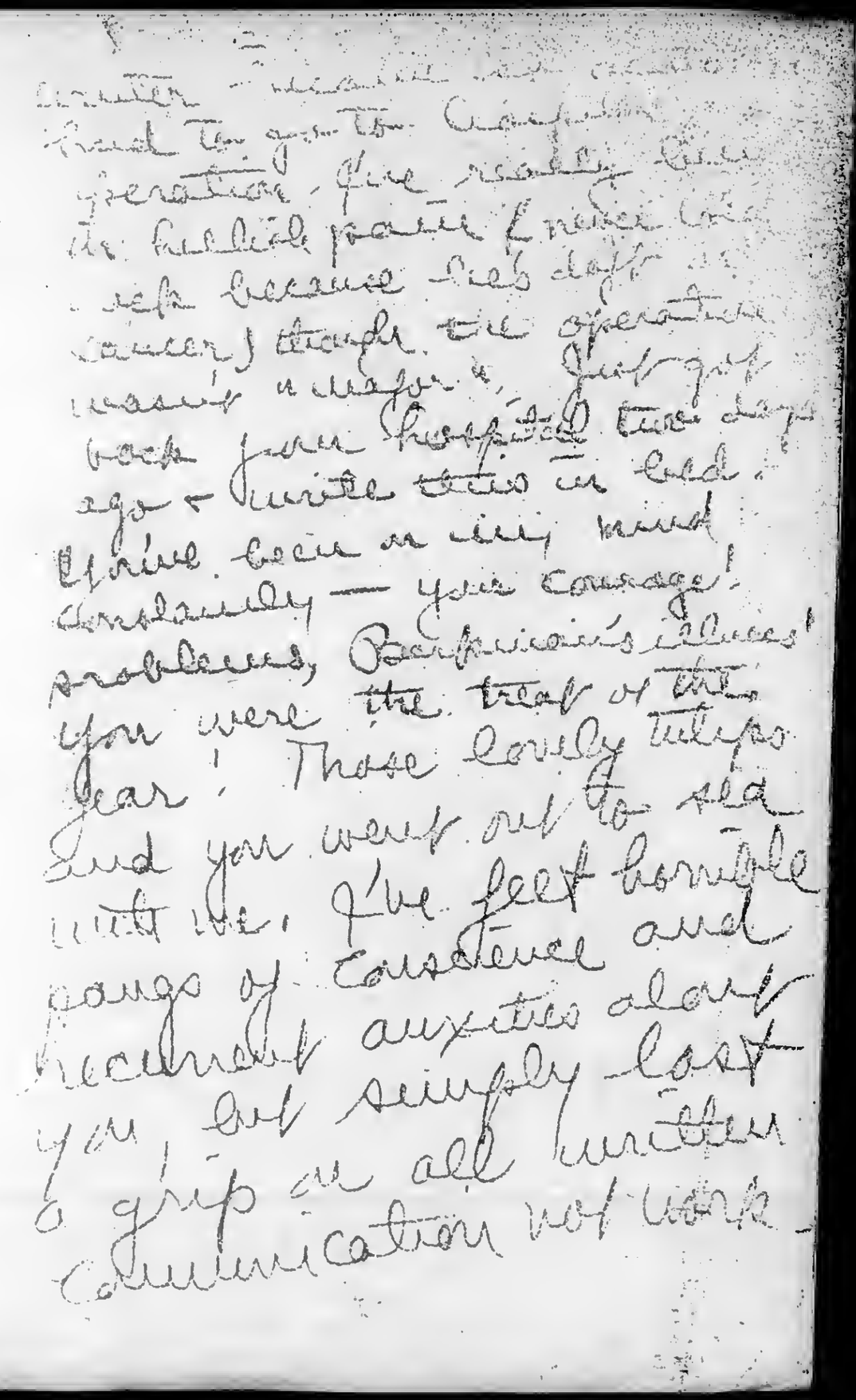
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May 28th 1936.

Miss E. Goldman,
C/o The American Express Co.,
2, Rue du Congrès,
Nice, A.M.,
France.

Dear Madam,

Our programme for next winter has not yet been made up. It is extremely unlikely, however, that we shall include any lectures. I believe our work will be confined entirely to play production.

Many thanks all the same for your suggestion.

Yours faithfully,

G. E. Rushworth

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25 Prospect St.,
New Rochelle, N.Y.,
May 28,1936.

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Dear E.G.:

Your letter of April 14th came to hand long ago and should have been answered befors this. Unfortunately some of us have'nt your energy and drive and I am one of the "us".

The most important thing in this letter is about Sasha although to tell the truth there is very little to say on that subject. I had a letter from Philip Kapp some weeks ago in which he suggests that as most of the trade union officials who have been affiliated with the committee are very busy men and it is hard for them to do much [redacted] he suggested we organize the movement and they will help. It is a sensible suggestion as far as it goes but unfortunately we have no movement. Also some of us as individuals have no energy so I am not too optomistic.

Probably every man hates to admit he is slipping but if failing or slackening initiative is a sign of slipping - and I fear it is - then I am slipping. I can and do do routine things, I can and do make a speech now and then, write letters and go to the city nearly every day and have people tell me how well I look and that I have not changed etc. etc but that is not initiative. It is not creative, it is merely routine and that is not enough.

Minna worked so hard on the anniversary dinner a week ago last Sunday at Sarah Frumkin's and urged me so strongly to come that I cut my usual trip to Croton and went. - For the past two years I have earned about $300. a year from the Mt. Airy venture and a few dollars more with Tish in the past year so I go through the motions at least of going to Mt. Airy every Sunday during the Spring and Summer in the hope of selling something even though I have 'nt sold a peice of land in about eight or nine months -It was nice to see old comrades like Rudolf and Milly Rocker, Izaacovitch. Michale Cohen and others; it was a fine day and Sarah gave us a nice dinner but as many of the trade union people left the night before some to attend a meeting of their Executive at Los Angles, others to this conference or that conference the people who really are able to raise money were not there just as I feared. I urged that a new and live committee be created to stimulate things and get the larger committee going but I had to leave early and do not know just what was done. Elsie and Nat. were there and Elsie had a telephone call from home saying her little one had developed a fever and as she has been ailing with measels Elsie and Nat. left early and I an hour or more later.

Just how much can be done I do not know but the little I can do I will naturally do but as I have said a number of times and repeat here whatever is done will be done by the trade unionists for the unions have money whereas we have neither money or organization.

I am glad you feel cheerful over the outlook for doing some work in England and from the way things look it does seem as if a crash cannot be long delayed. With Russia, France and Spain turning Left and Germany, Italy, Poland and several of the smaller countries turning Right while England and the U.S. floundering around trying to save capitalism and be liberal at the same time headon collusion must come in a few years. Of course that few years may be long enough delayed to see us out of the picture but you may do your bit and have some fun

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going it and that is about all any reasonable person can expect but are you reasonable?

I keep hearing people tell how interesting things are and the changes going on in the world today but all I see is chaos and the conflict of interests divides the forces more and more. For years as you know there has been talk of a Farmer-Labor Party and I never oould see it for the interests of the two in our present set-up are opposed. Recently - about ten days or two weeks ago - a bill was before oongress to reduce tne interest on farm mortgages from 5 and 6% to 1 1/2 and to issue three billions of currency to enable these farmers to pay off these mortgages at the rate of 1 1/2 on the principle and 1 1/2% interest. Just before the vote was taken the Speaker of the House who was opposed to the bill took the floor and read a letter from Green urging the bill be defeated. It was and now Brother Green gets credit for defeating it. Of course he talked of inflation and so on but the farmer will remember it as an attempt to lower his interest rates and help pay his debts and Labor as personified by Wm. Green will be held responsible for it.

The two large garment workers unions have all but come out for Roosevelt and probably will. These unions have been predominantly socialist as you know so it will effect the socialist vote and on top of this comes the split in the Socialist Party. It may help to elect Roosevelt but Little Man What Now? All in all things look pretty terrible for libertarians like ourselves and the more I write about or think about it the more discouraged I get so I had better stop.

I am only fairly well for I have another cold which shows I have no reserve to resist even trifles lik e colds. Leah complains all the time and is dead tired waiting for her vacation period. Elsie has had to remain home quite a bit of late because of Jessica's measels and colds and plans to take her to Mohegan and stay with her for a couple of weeks. She is a lovely baby but tiny and needs care and sunshine.

Write when you have time and feel like it. I wish it were possible for me to sit on that porch of yours and look out over the red tile roofs to the blue water but alas you are dissatisfied there and I am dissatisfied here so life is like that.

With love to you, Sasha and Emmy

As ever,

Harry

I am going to Stelton tommorrow evening for the 21st Anniversary of the colony and school. What changes in the world since then?

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Nice May 29th 36.

A. Welsh Esq.
Sect. Guild of Players Dunfres
The Schoolhouse
Noble Hill
Dunfries
Scotland.

Dear Sir.

My circular inclosed in "DRAMA"? of this month may not have attra cted your attention. I am therefore taking the liberty to write you about my work. I have not yet had the pleasure to lecture before Scotish dramatic societies.But I have spoken before quite a few Playgoers organisations in England. Among them those in Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Bristol, Coventry etc. It occurred to me that your society may also be interested to hear me on any of the themes in my circular copy of which I inclose.

In further explantion I would say that I treat the pre-revolutionary dramatists either seperately,or in the form of a resumée. Especially Tchekhov, the supreme dramatic artists needs to be discussed fullybefore none Russian audiences. Thus he is still far from realized though very much in vogue in England.

Outside of the plays of Eugene O'Neill I also present the other works,these of Clifford Odets and recent most interesting new plays now produced in the States.

You will want to know my fee. It varys according the size and condition of the organisations who book me. I have been paid five guineas by large bodies.Three by these less numerie. For such small groups that cannot afford these amounts I make a special fee of 2 guineas. Naturally railway expen es and hospitality are extra.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours.

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Nice May 29th 36.

Miss Flora Paterson
Scot. Edinburgh
Philosophic Institution
Dramatic Society.
4, Queen Street
Edinburgh Scotland.

Dear Manada.

My circular contained in "DRAMA" of this month may have escaped your attention. I am therefore taking the liberty to write you about my work. While I have not yet had the pleasure to lecture for Scotish dramatic societies I have lectured before a number of Playgoers and drama groups in England. Among them were Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Bristol. Coventry and other places. The more important have again booked me for the coming season. It occurred to me that your society may also like to av-l itself of my forth coming tour of 36-37.

As reagards the pre-revolutionary Russian dramatists I wish to say that I treat their work either in the form of a resumée or seperately. Especially Tchekhov now in vogue in England because of his supreme dramatic art is most interesting to students of the Russian drama.

Of the American in addition to Eugene O(Neills plays I discuss Clifford Odets, and a number of recent and vital plays.

You will want to know my fee. Large societies pay me five guineas. Smaller ones three plus fare and hospitality. For very small groups who cannot afford much I make a special price of 2 guineas. Of course also plus railway expenses and hospitality.

Hoping to hear from you soon. Sincerely

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Nice May 29th 36.

Mr Johnston E.Kilgour
Sect. Pathcon Club (Glasgow LTD.)
89 Bath Street
Glasgow C.2
Scotland.

Dear Sir. In case you have not seen my circular contained in "DRAMA" of this month I am taking the liberty to write you about my work. While I have not yet enjoyed the pleasure of lecturing before Scot ish dramatic socities I have done so in a number of cities in England.Thus I lecture for the Manchester,Liverpool, Bristol, Bir mingham,Coventry and other Playgoer groups. I am therefore no stranger in England. It occurred to me that your society may care to book me for a talk for the next season or 37.

As regards the pre revolutionary Russian dramatists I wish you to know that my lecture consists either of a resumés of the writers and their works,or seperate lectures. I especially recomm end Tchekhov now in vogue in England because he was the supreme dramatic master. In regard to the American drama I treat outside of Eugene O'Neill also the works of Clifford Odets and some of the very recent interesting plays now produced in the States.

You will want to know my fee. Large organisations pay me five guineas. Those who are not unmeric 3.guineas. I have also made a special fee for very small groups. I speak for such bodies for 2. Naturally,railway fare and hospitality are not included.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely.

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Nice May 29th 36.

Mr Thomas Campbell
Sect. The "49" Dramatic Club.
5, Whitehill Gardens,
Denesteenn Glasgow E.1
Scotland.

Dear Sir. In case you have not seen my circular in "DRAMA", of this month, I am taking the liberty to write you about my work. While I have not yet lectured for Scotish dramatic societies I have spoken for quite a number of Playgoers' and drama groups in England. Among them were Manchester, Liverpool, Bristol, Birmingham, Coventry, Norwich and others. Some of them have again booked me for the coming season. It occurred to me that your Clubmay also care to hear me on any of the themes of my circular.

The pre-revolutionary dramatic writers of Russia can be discussed either seperately or together. The supreme master, Anton Tchekhov now in vogue in England is still very much misunderstood and needs to be thoroughly presented to the public outside of Russia. A complete lecture of his personality and works will prove very instructive to students of the drama.

In addition to Eugene O'Neill there is Clifford Odets, most talented young American dramatist and recent plays of interest which I treat.

About my fee I wish to tell you that it varys according to the size and means of the organisation that invites me. Large bodies have paid me five guineas. Smaller ones three. For some unable to pay even three I always make a special price of two. Naturally railway expenses and hospitality are extra.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Sincerely.

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Nice May 29th 36.

Miss Jean Furgessen
Sect. Glasgow Corporation
Transprt Pigers
1,Queen Mary Avenue
Glasgow.2.
Scteland.

Dear Madam.

My circular contained in "DRAMA" of this month may have escaped your attention. I am,therefore, taking the liberty to write you about my work. While I have not yet enjoyed the pleasure of lecturing before Scotish dramatic societies I am not unknown in England. The Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham Bristol Coventry and other such groups have heard me and some of them have again booked me for the coming season. It occurs to me that your organisation may also like to avail itself of my forthcoming lecture tour of 36-37.

For your information I wish to say that I treat the pre-revolutionary dramatic works either in the form of a general analysis,or seperately. Especially Tchekhov now so in vogue in England deserves to be treated seperately as the supreme artist that he was. Then in regard to the American drama the works of Clifford Odets among the most promising,and some recent vital plays should prove of interest to English speaking groups.

My fee depends on the size and material conditions of the societies who engage me. I am paid five guineas by large bodies,three my smaller ones. And I make a special fee for very small and materially limited groups of only 2 gu. Naturally these are outside of railway fare and hospitality.

Hoping to hear from you soon. Sincerely

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Nice May 29th 36.

Miss Marcia E.Ford
Sect. Magnet Club.
xxxx 7, Moray Place
Edinburgh Scotland.

Dear Madam.

You may have overlooked my circular inserted in xxxx "DRAMA",of this month. I am therefore taking the liberty to write you about my work. While I have not yet lectured before Scotish dramatic societies I have spoken for quite a number of Playgoers and Drama groups in England. Among them in Manchester Liverpool, Bristol, Birmingham,Coventry,Norwich etc. And some of them have already booked me for the coming season of 36-37. It occurred to me that your organisation may also be interested to have me speak about any of the themes on the inclosed circular.

In further explanation I may say that I treat the pre-revolutionary dramatic authors seperately.Especially Tchekhov who was the supreme artist,and though very much in vogue in Engl and is still very much not understood. Or I also give a general analysisi of all of the Russians. Then as regards the American drama.Outside of Eugene O(Neills there is Clifford Odets the young and very promising new writer and some very vital new plays which I treat.

You will want to know my fee. May I say that it varys accord ing to the size and condition of the groups who invite me. Large organisations pay me five guineas.Others three. And for very small groups and limited means I make a special fee of two guineas. Naturally railway fare and hospitality are extra.

Hoping to hear from you soon.
Sincerely

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Nice May 29th 36.

Miss Bertha Sterie
Scot. Aberdeen Little Theatre Guild
Rubislaw Park
Aberdeen Scotland.

Dear Madam.

In case my circular contain in "DRAMA" of this month has escaped you I am taking the liberty to write you about my work.

I am returning to England this autumn for an extended tour and it occurred to me that your society may care to book me for a lecture on any of the themes stated on my circular.

I am say that I am no stranger in England though I have never had the pleasrue to lecture before Scotish dramatic societies. As regards the pre revolutionary Russian writers I wish to say that I treat each author seperately. Tchekhov now very much in vogue in England is particularly interesting. Also, I sepak of other modern American dramatists in addition to the works of Eugene O'Neill.

About my fee. The large organisation have paid me five guineas,railway fare and hospitality. The smaller once three guineas plus the fare and hospitality. For very small and materially limited groups I have lectured for two guineas plus the other.

In case your society would like a date perhaps you will be good enough to write me soon.

Yours Sincerely.

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Nice May 29th 36.

Miss Marjorie L.Denee.
Sect. Perth
Repertory Company LTD.
Perth Repertory Theatre
Perth Scotland

Dear Mme.

My circular contained in "DRAMA", this month may have escaped you.So,I am taking the liberty to write you about my work While I have never had the pleasure to lecture before Scotish dramatic societies I have lectured considerably in Enfland. Among the Playgoers groups who heard me and have booked me again are Manchester, Livepool.Birmingham,Bristol,Coventry and others. It therefore occurred to me that your organisation may also care to to book me for the coming season or 37.

In re the Russian drama I wish you to know that I either give a resumée of the pre revolutionary Russian writers or treat them seperately. Tchekhov now very much in vogue in England is a very rich subject.

In regard to America I treat outside of the works of Eugene O'Neill also these of Clifford Odets and other recent and mo vital plays.

Now about my fee. Large organisations have paid me five guineas, smaller ones 3. and some groups peer in number and means have availed themselves of my special fee for them which is only two. Of course, railway fare and hospitality in are plus the fees.

Hoping to hear from you soon

Yours sincerely

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Nice May 29th 36.

Mr J.Craig Barton
Sect.Prestwick Playgoers Club
Privik Mill Road,By Ayr
Scotland

Dear Sir. You may not have seen my circular which had been inclosed in "DRAMA",this month. I am threfore taking the liberty to write you about my work. While I have not yet had the pleasure to lecture for any of the Scotish dramatic societies I have lectured before many in England. Amonth them the Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Bristol and Coventry Playgoers. It occurred to me that you society may also care to hear me on any of the themse given in the inclosed circular.

I may say that I treat the pre revolutionary Russian dramatists seperately or just in a sort of resumée. Tchekhov now very much in vogue in England is a most interesting study. As regards the American drama I wish to say that outside of the works of Eugene O'Neill I also treat the plays of a very young and promsing dramat ist Clifford Odets and several recent and most vital plays by other authors.

In regard to my fee I would like you to know that large dramatic societies have paid me five guineas,railway expenses and hospitality. Smaller bodies paid 3 guineas. And I have also made an exception in the case of numerically small and materially limited groups for whom I lectured for 2 guineas. Fare and hospitality are of course a seperate item.

Hoping to hear from you soon

Sincerely yours.

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Nice May 29th 36.

Mr Patrick Jeffrey
Sect. The Rotary Players
of Aberdeen
B.Sc. 9. Golden Square
Aberdeen Scotland.

Dear Sir.

In case my circular contained in "DRAMA",of this month has escaped you I am taling the liberty to write you about my work. While I have not had the pleasure to lecture before Scotish dramatic societies I have spoken in England in a number of cities. Manchester Liverpool, Birmingham, Bristol,Coventry and other dramatic organisations have had me lecture for them,and some have already booked me for the coming season. It occurred to me that your society may also care to do it.

As regards the pre revolutionary Russian dramatists I wish to say that I either treat them in a resumée or seperately. Tchekhov now very much in vogue in England is particularly interesting .

In reference to the American drama I discuss outside of works of Eugene O'Neill the plays of Americas most promising auther Clifford Odets and some of the most recent and vital plays.

About my fee I wish to say that large organisations have paid me five guineas. Others again three. For very small groups limited in finds I make a special fee of 2.guines. Railway fare and hospitality are not included in any of the fees.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely

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Venee May 29th 36.

Dear Shloime.

Berkman came out of the hospital Teusday so I came over to Auntie. I am going to Nice presently,for the day.Then back to Auntie. I still have a half hour.So whem bet er ca n I write than you, my dear. I have not heard from you for a week. I suppose you are busy.Or perhaps I will find a letter from you at Berkmans place. I hope so. In any event I will not mail this from here.So,if there is word from you I will add a few lines.

It looks as if Berkman was now really on the way to complete recovery. I did not believe it until we were able to take him to his flat.Now that he is comfortably settled I will be able to leave for St Trepez. I hope to do so next week-end. I may have Ruth Churchill now married and on her honey moon in Venee with me at St Trepez for a few days.Then I will be alone,a thing not new in my life. But I have much to day in my place that will keep me out of mischief.Unless you will come for your holiday. Aren you not going to? Please do come.Together we might work out some plan about my work next winter.

Imagine,not one single reply from the "DRAMA" insertion. Oh,yes,one asking about my fee which I answered long ago. Perhaps it is not yet time. XXXX

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Continuation from page first.Nice.

Dear Shloime.No word from you. I hope it is only being busy that prevented you from writing. I found another letter from England from the Newport Playgoers society. They will have no lectures next season they wrote.but the secretary tells me she has been in communication with another Society in Newport and she thinks they are likely to invite me. I dare say all of the people I have written and have inclosed stamped envelopes will answer. whether in the affirmative is another matter.

I hear nothing from Marx. So I have no idea what he is doing. It is hell if one cannot do things oneself. well, the summer is yet long. whatever the result I have not changed my division in coming back.But I fear me very much I will have to do without apts. I will have to live even more economical than last time. I am sure of one thing I will always find a home with the Goldofskys if they have place. Of course you my dear and Beryl will also not let me be "destitute".But you are far too far from town and I dislike to bud in between a young loving couple.

Please do write soon. I really miss hearing from you though you may not believe it.

affectionately

Love to Beryl from Auntie and myself

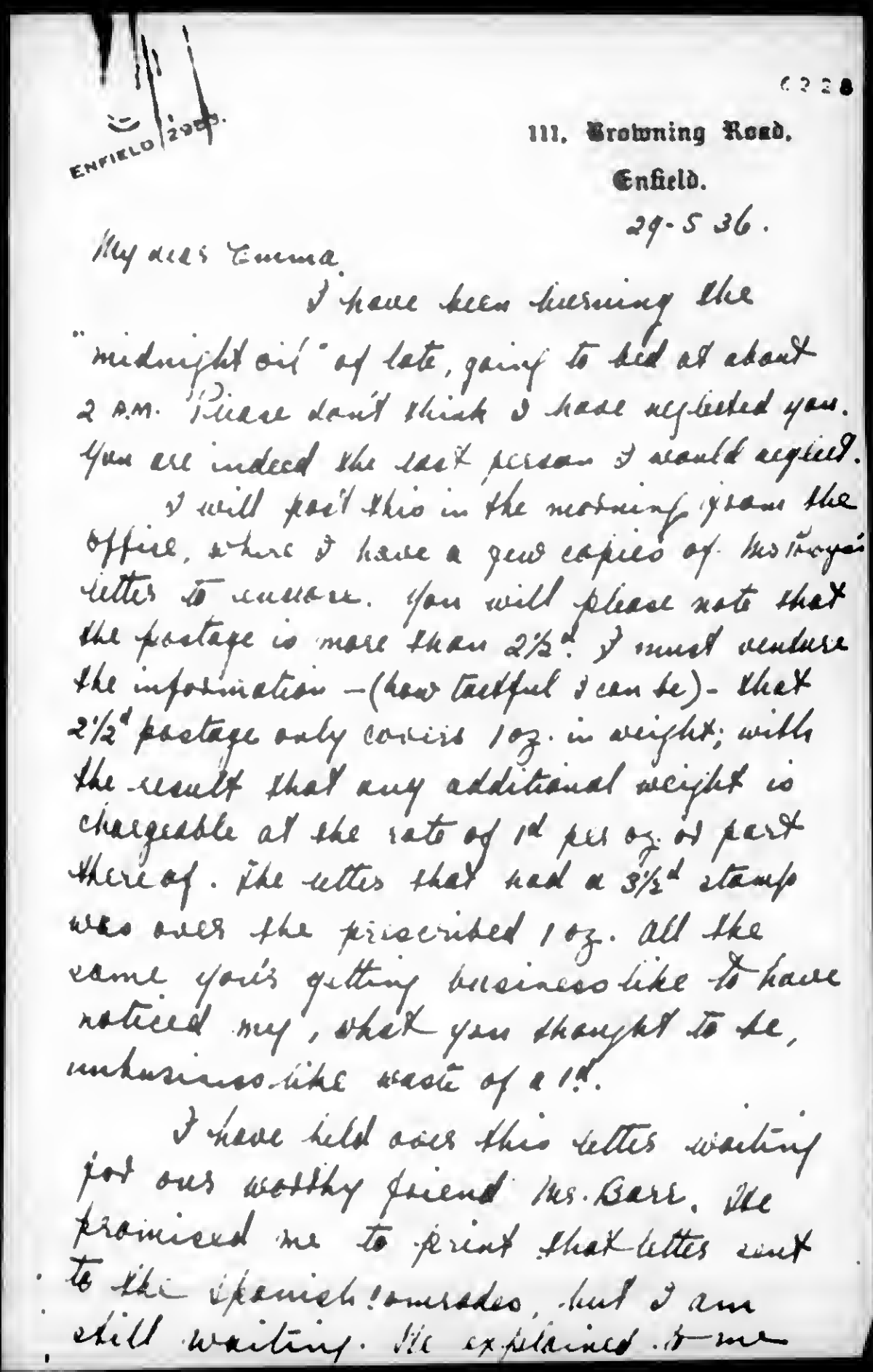
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My dear Emma.

I have been burning the "midnight oil" of late, going to bed at about 2 A.M. Please don't think I have neglected you. You are indeed the last person I would neglect.

I will post this in the morning from the office, where I have a few copies of Mrs Troyer's letter to enclose. You will please note that the postage is more than 2½d. I must venture the information —(how tactful I can be)— that 2½d postage only covers 1oz. in weight; with the result that any additional weight is chargeable at the rate of 1d per oz. or part thereof. The letter that had a 3½d stamp was over the prescribed 1oz. All the same you're getting business like to have noticed me, what you thought to be, unbusiness like waste of a 1d.

I have held over this letter waiting for our worthy friend Mrs. Barr. She promised me to print that letter sent to the Spanish comrades, but I am still waiting. She explained to me

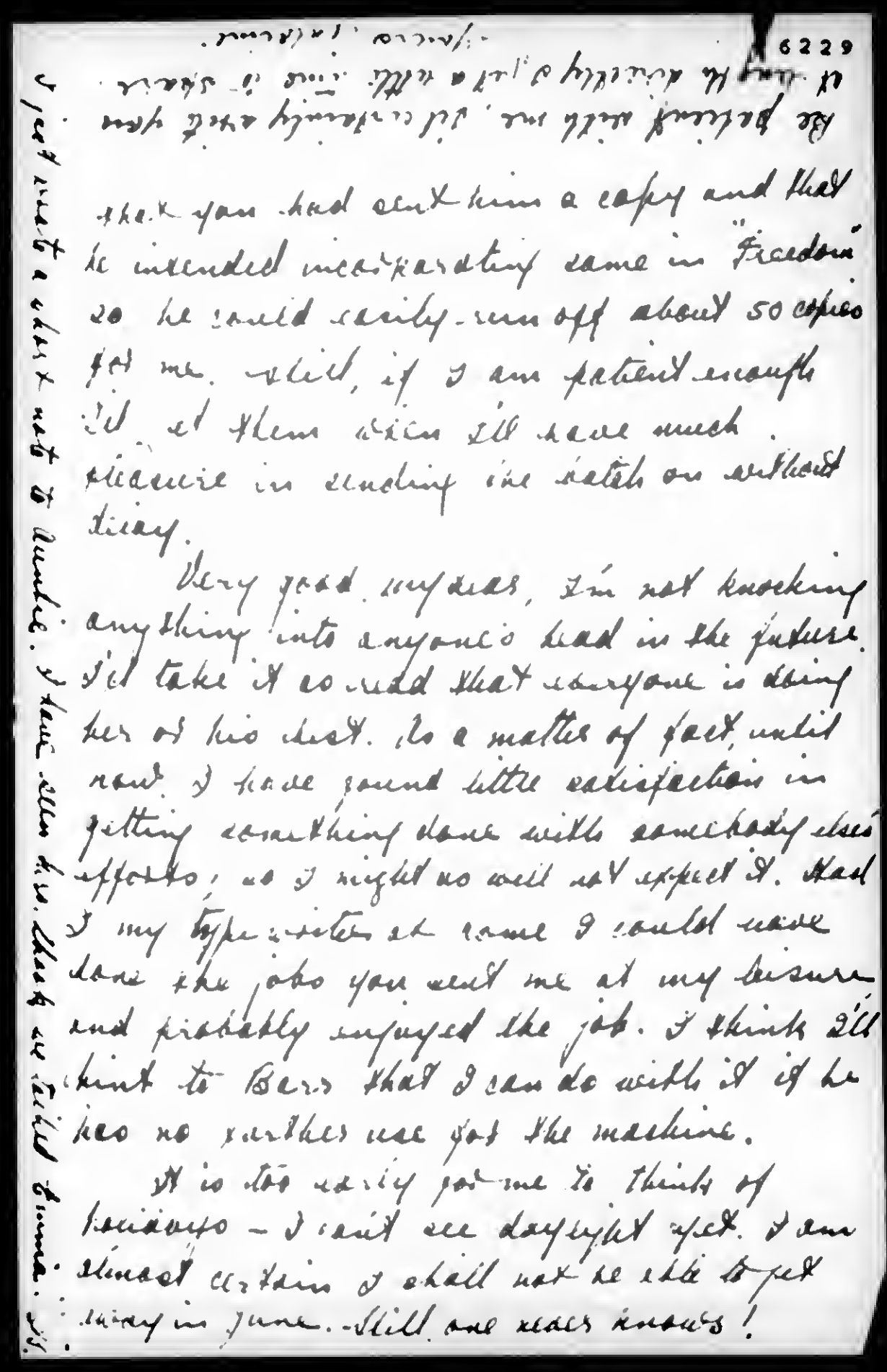
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Venee May 30th 36.

Darling Stell. I am writing this from here theugh the letter will be mailed temerrew from Niee. Grand news fer yeu te day my dearest. Sasha is eut ef the hespital. Emmy and I breught him heme last Wed. I was in Niee yesterday and fsund Sasha very mueh impreved. As we theught he will piek up mueh quieker heme than in the hespital. The best preef fer Sashas steady pregress is that his interest in ether matters exeept his illness is again awakened. Yesterday he asked abeut everthing ef vital meaning te beth ef us. And imagine he plyed the host with all the eharm and graeieusness he is eapable. It was sueh a relief and sueh a treat te see Sasha se alive and se interested in everything. Of eourse he is still very weak. But that is nething. I am sure new he will be en deek in a menth er se.

And there is ether news net less satisfactery than Sashas reeevery. It is that Emmy is feeling as she has net in years. Dr d'Eeks treatment has performed a miraele. I think I wrete yeu abeut this physisian, a frend ef my dear Aubite in Venee and alse a friend sf mine. He presscribed some eoal preperation in tablets whieh E. has to take feur times a da y. And would you believe it she has net eemplain enee in the last two weeks. She is abselutely free from pain, she eats heartily witheut disastreus results and her nerves have settled a bit. Whether this means that E. will need ne operation is diffieult te say new. In any event Dr d'Eek insists that she ean be helped te held eut until the autumn, and that if Emmy eentinues yielding te his treatment ne operation maybe nesessary. Yeu ean imagine what that means te Sasha and me. I am sure Sashas improvement since Emmy respended te Dr d'Eeks eare is due net a little te the ehange in Emmy.

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As to myself, I feel a weight of my heart. "specially since I was told by d'Eek that E. is likely to remain an invalide after the operation. You se I dared not tell this to Sasha and much less to E. I just dxxxe dreaded the knife for the unfortunate kid. Then th e awful expense with Sasha again strapped and I having so little. And lastly my having to give up the whole summer. For, I could not rest in St Tropez if E. would have had to undergo an operation. Both Sasha and I feel rel

ieved beyond words for Emmys sake and our own that she is so much improved.

Well, now that both patients ar better I need have no compuhetion about going to St Tropez. I am very, bery tired Stella dear—st, mentally and physically. I need a a rest. Friends of Aunties, a young English couple whom I also know, have a car. They ard on their h they moon and they may take me ts St Tropez next Thrusday or Friday. They are to stay with me for next wesk end. So they will take me ts St Trepepez. While my place was inhabited last winter or parity as I still there is much to to be do, to get it in order. That will keep me b for some time. Then will come the work on some new lectures for England I confesss, I am more dissourasd now than when I left England. I had a cirqulr insertsd in "DRAMA" the magazine published by the British Drama League. The publication reached 4500 organizations and individual sub s. I had only one reply asking far my fee. In addition I wrote personal lettwrs. I had some replies, I suppose because I inclosed addressed and stamped return envelopes. Nearly every answer was to the effect that the organizations could not even afford two guineas for a lecture. It were to laugh if it would not be so sad. Would I ever have considered ten dollars for a lecture? Now I am heping to get such offers. Anyhow, my future in England does not look any too cheerful. But I will go there if it proves the last thing I can do.

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For the present I am going to St Tropez, either next Thursday or Friday. So you can write me there. For a few weeks I shall be buy setting my house in order. True it was occupied part of the winter and until the middle of this month. So I will not find it so negle or so much work to do. Still, there will be enough to keep me busy for a few weeks. After that will come some work for new lectures I do not expect many visitors. Michael Cohn is arriving the 20th of next month. He intends to come out to St. Tropez. Then Fan Stark and her children may come. But outside of them I do not hope for anybody. As to Sasha that will depend on E's condition. I don't want him to leave her alone for long in Nice. They are both miserable then. And it certainly does not add to my comforts. On the other hand it will depend on E's improvement. If she continues as she has the last two weeks she will not resent Bon Esprit so much, and it will not be so exasperating to have her close by. We will see. June I will have pretty much to myself. I shan't resent it you bet.

I am going to Nice tomorrow and if there is anything from you I will add a few lines. Maybe Sasha too will write a line.

Love to Teddy, th4 kids, Kate, Angelica if she is near and loads of it to yourself my dearest. Emma

Nurse has had eight, and I did disturbed many times since she began to my letter.

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Nice May 31st 36.

Dear comrade Kapp.

You will be glad to learn that comrade Berkman is out of the hospital.We brought him to his home last Wed. He is of course still very weak.But it is certain he is on the way of complete recovery. It was the first time in comrade Berkmans life to be so ill for nearly four months.Although he had been ailing for several years with all kinds of complications of which no one could explain the cause he was not really bedridden. But the last four months he was unable to move about.Even in bed he had to keep in one position. For a man of Sashas spirit you cannot imagine the agony he went through. But it is all over. We hope that our comrade may have gained a new lease on life.That he will be stronger and more spirited than ever and pick up the work for human emancipation he had so vailiently done for forty five years. I cannot begin to discrb discribe what this means to me,to see my old comfighter and chum numb completely on deck again.

Dear comrade I had word from the London publisher of Sashas Memoirs that the plates would be sent to you as I directed. I hope you have them by now.As I have already written you both Sasha and I will rejoice that the new fund you have in mind for him will be derived through the sale of his work. It will then serve a double purpose,to acquaint the young generation with the place of A.B in the revolutionary movement and his heroic struggle for it.And also to secure him for a few years. The difficulty will of course be how to pull along until the new edition is out and sold. Sash s two operations and his long illness has consumed a small fortune. And his convalescence will also be a costly thing. I don't know how he is going to meet it all. I myself am no blessed with worldly goods

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or my dear friend would never want for anything. Perhaps you can sugge suggest a way that would relieve Sasha of any worry while he is con valescing. You know yourself what material anxiety means when one is not quite well. It's hard enough and wearing for those of us who have our health. For people who have gone through long illness it must needs be most injurious. Anyhow I am sure that you will do what you can to devise some way of raising something in advance of the plan you have for next winter. You have shown much devotion and interest for which I cannot thank you enough. And I know comrade Berkman appreciates your solidarity and that of all the friends more than he can express. Of course he will write you when he is somewhat stronger.

I myself will now go to our little place in St Tropez. I feel very,very tired after five months drudgery in England to get a hearing and the last two months of anxiety and worry about my old sick friend. Also I have some new material to prepare new material for my return to England in the Fall. Please write me under E.G.Colton, Bon Esprit, Chemin St Antoine, St Tropez Var France. In case of anything urgent just cable Colton St Tropez Var. It will reach me. Sasha is not strong enough to come with me now. I hope he maybe able to do so the end of June. Meanwhile his address remains Nice.

Give my fraternal greetings to all the friends of the A.B.Fund and to all those who have not forgotten me.

Fraternally.

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Bradford English Society.

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16, Highfield Crescent,
Heaton, Bradford.
'Phone Bfd. 1209.

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Hon. Treas.:
Mr. P. W. Cockroft,
Norma Ville,
Speeton Avenue,
Horton Bank Top,
Bradford.

Dear Miss Goldman,

Many thanks for your letter of the 23rd inst. I am at present busy with the arranging of next season's syllabus, but at the moment I cannot say whether I can offer you a booking, until I have received replies from a number of other lecturers.

However I am leaving you in mind will write you later. Meanwhile it would save time if you could indicate the best time of the year as far as you are concerned. You may have other engagements in this district which would enable you to fit up more easily with an economy of travelling. Our meetings are held on Wednesday evenings. Will you also let me know your fee. an important matter as we are not a wealthy society.

Yours faithfully.
Wm C. Robinson

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Peschkowa was asked for
Zenzl's whereabouts and
she answered that she needs
"To know Zenzl's fathers name
otherwise no body in Moscow
knows about Zenzl Muhsam".

Another way of omitting
the truth!

M.

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A letter from Emma Goldman

JOHN REED: THE MAKING OF A REVOLUTIONARY, *by Granville Hicks. Macmillan. $3.50.*

THE usually stuffy Prof. Hicks comes off rather well in this work by cramming the book full of Reed's own writings . . . sometimes he uses quotation marks and sometimes he doesn't. Consequently, the book is full of the glowing life that Reed possesed to overbundance in his own personality. The fascinating, impetuous character who was John Reed is made to appear a little more rational than he really was, but withal it is an unusual book to find on list of a bourgeois publisher, and will repay reading.

HEARST, LORD OF SAN SIMEON, *by Oliver Carlson & Ernest Sutherland Bates. Viking. $3.00*

IMPERIAL HEARST; A SOCIAL BIOGRAPHY, *by Ferdinand Lundberg. Equinox Cooperative Press. $2.75.*

WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST, *by Mrs. Fremont Older.*

THE best of the three books is the Lundberg opus in which we get a fine indignant portrait of the California octopus. The Carlson and Bates book is marred somewhat because of the desire of the always scholarly authors to be "fair" to Mr. Hearst. Nevertheless, it is a good study chock full of factual details of the career that made Hearst the most despised man in America. Mrs. Older likes Mr. Hearst! We suggest that Mr. Lundberg now write a biography of Mrs. Older. Anybody who can write in praise of Hearst deserves a biography all of her own.

DAVID LAWRENCE.

A LETTER FROM EMMA GOLDMAN

We have received a letter from Comrade Emma Goldman, extracts of which we reprint herewith:

"I was delighted to receive the April-May issue of VANGUARD. I had been wondering what had happened to it. I was afraid you might have to give it up. That would be a great pity. First, because the magazine contains splendid material and secondly, we are so poor in English propaganda.

"I can imagine the struggle you are having. I know from years of experience what it means to get out a magazine without any income from advertisement. My yearly lecture tours enabled us to keep *Mother Earth* going twelve years. How I wish I could be with you to help through lectures to maintain the VANGUARD. I like the current issue of VANGUARD better than the former. It is alive and deals ably with some of the pressing issues. — You will see by my last statement about my final lectures in England just what has been achieved —not much to boast about. Yet, enough to warrant my return.

It will now depend on the condition of Comrade Berkman whether I can go away. Just now our comrade is still in the hospital and his recovery is very slow. But we must hope for the best.

"I am sorry you have such difficulty in raising the cost of the pamphlet

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'Two Communisms.' But I suppose most of our comrades are poor."

We earnestly hope that our readers will take Comrade Goldman's message to heart and come to our support. We again urge our readers to respond to our appeals and raise the money to publish Emma's excellent pamphlet. We still feel that our comrades and friends, poor as they are, can raise the small sum necessary for the publication of this pamphlet.

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Nice June First 36.

Dearest Minna.

I got your letter this morning with the check for $30 inclosed. You are a wonderful friend to have my dear. You have never once failed Sasha and I appreciate it as much as if you had given me such affection and devotion all these years. I don't mean to imply that if you knew me ill or in need you would not also be as willing to help. I am merely wanting you to know that your loyalty to Sasha has meant more to me than words can express.

When I got the birthday cable for Sasha I knew that it was you who had been back of it. And when Fitzi wrote me you had arranged a little dinner I also knew that it was you who thought of such a thing. Who else is there in New York among our comrades or friends so eager and willing to help? Frankly, I do not know any one. And so I thank you with all my heart for your effort in behalf of Sasha.

You will be happy to learn that S. is out of thw hospital. Emmy and I brought him home last wed. He is improving wonderfully. He has no more pain and his daily growing strength I am sure in another week or so Sasha will be able to go out for walks in the open. You can imagine how relieved I feel. In fact I have double reason to feel relieved. Emmy was in a most deplorable condition and an operation was thought unavoidable. It was only because Sasha was so ill that we postponed her going under the knife. Then one day I met a doctor friend of mine in Vence not far from Nice whom I told of E's case. He gave her a sort of Coal Cola essence to take four times a day. And would you believe it the girl feels like new. She has had no pains in two weeks, she eats well, and her nerves have become more steady. It is simply

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With love to you my dear.

Emma

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Nice June First 36.

F.W.Rowe Esq.
Secrt The Samaritans.
Langley,
Thornhill Road
Mannamead
Plymouth
England.

Dear Mr Rowe.

Now that I am difinitely returning to England h autumn for an extensive tour and that some bookings for the m of 36. are coming in it occurred to me that your organisations care to have me again. You have probably read the report of th performance of Tchekhovs Seagull,produced by the very fine manag Komissargevsky. Perhaps the Samaritans would like to hear me on Tchekhov . He was certainly the most supreme dramatic artist and a rare spirit as man. Of course, I could also speak on any other heme contained in my circular copy of which I inclose.

My friends in Plymouth were so keen on getting me a hearing last time that they paid small attention to the fee. But when ones' sole income is derived from ones intellectual labors,either the pen or lectures one is unfortunately forced to think of the fee. It is for this reason that I hope the Samaritan will agree that two guineas are a very small return for the kind of interpretive critisms of the drama I give. The Playgoers in different parts of England,such as Manchester,Liverpool, Birmingham,Bristol ect have paid me five guineas,railway fare and hospitality. The Coventry Repertory paid 3. Naturally,if your society cannot afford more than last time I will let it go at that. But if it can afford a better fee I know the members will no object especially as all seemed to be so impressed by my last

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talk. Of course your group mayn't care to have me for a second lect ure. But if it does please let me know soon. Nov.or Dec would suite me as Oct is already fairly booked up.

Please extend my greetings to all the members of the Samaritans.

Sincerely yours.

Emma Goldman c/o The American Express Co.
2m rue du Congrès
Nice France.

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June First 36.

Babsie,my own precious Sister.

A letter from Stella dated May 20th brought me the excruciating news that our beloved has again been stricken. How can I find the words to tell you what I feel in my helplessness to bring you some solace, some consolation in what I know to be for you the deepest tragedy? Oh,if only I could fly to you,be at your side,hold you close to my heart,help you nurse our own darling lovely Noe. But here I am an exile tied hand and foot,unable to do anything. All I can do is to tell you that my thoughts and my heart are filled to the brim with great and all embracing love for Noe and you, a love that has grown through the years,and has never wavered or diminished. But of what avail will that be to you or Noe? In the face of a great calamity,or an impending loss words of love seem banal,downright meaningless. Yet I know you will understand how I long for you and my own brother who has always been more to me than a brother,indeed,part of my self and of my life. And you my own heroic,sweet loyal sister. Have you any idea how deeply my love for you has grown through the years.,For your own sake I loved you and for the beautiful devotion and consecration you have given my own percious child. Yes, Stella is right when she writes that it was your devotion and care that saved Noes life since he first became ill. We all owe you the deepst gratitude.Not that you ever wanted it.But it was your love and your wonderful spirit just the same that has saved our own beloved Noe.

Darling mine I am clinging with all the intensity of my being to the hope that our dear one has again defied the physicians and has once more pulled through. I shall not rest

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until I have word from Stella about Noe. I know you have enough on your hands to expect you to write. Stella will keep me posted.

Thursday I am going out to my place in St Tropez. My a address there will again be the same E.G.Colton,Bon Esprit Chemin St Antoine,St Tropez Var. In case of cables E.G.Colton St Tropez Var France will do.

My own Babsie. I take you in my arms and with all the tenderness I am capable of giving I want to soothe your sorrows and anxiety. And I long to do the same with my own child,my own darling brother Noe.

Devotedly.

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2nd. June 1926

Miss Emma Goldman,
C/o The British Drama League.

Dear Madam,

I received a circular some little while ago, from the British Drama League, regarding lectures given by you. My Committe now ask me to write you enquiring your terms for a lecture to be given to our Society sometime before Xmas, and I shall be obliged if you will let me know what the inclusive terms would be, say in the course of a week.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,
J. Stanley Watkins
Hon. Sec.

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The Schoolhouse,
Heathfield
Dumfries
2nd June, 1936

Miss Emma Goldman
2 Rue du Congrès,
Nice.

Dear Madam.

I regret to say that the Council of the Guild of Players find it impossible to make any arrangement for lectures during the coming winter. Our financial position is not satisfactory, and we are, at present, without headquarters. The coming season promises many difficulties, and I have therefore regretfully to inform you that the Guild does not see its way to inviting you to lecture to them, much as the members would have been delighted to hear you if circumstances had permitted.

I am.

Yours faithfully
A. Welsh. Hon Sec.

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[Letter, 1936 June 3, Nice to] Esther [Laddon, Toronto] / Emma [Goldman].— 1 p. ; 28 × 22 cm.

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Esther,my Dear. Give the inclosed to Ben as he is probably back in Toronto. What a dreadful thing about Langbord. You must have learned of his accident. I can't get anybody to rite me how he is though I have written everybody. Perhaps you will phon and find out.Then drop me a card at least. I am awfully anxious.

I am well. Not so Sasha though he looks much better than I had expected to find him. He needs lots of rest.Still he keeps at work four hours a day at the translation he is doing. As to myself I am busy keeping house,lookng after the much neglected things. And writing letters though no one replys. Just now O am in an hurry so can not write you at length.But I will soon.But of course I have no news to tell you. except that the weather was very bad until now.And that so far St Tropez looks quite neglected. The summer season here does not begin until the end of this month.

And you my dearest,how are you? How is Max. I hope the warm weather is doing him good. Give him my best regards.

Devoted love to you dear Esther.

Emma

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Nice June 3rd 36.

Dear Ben, Jeanne Levey wrote me that Jay had been in Toronto and had a very nice visit with you. I was delighted to hear that as I always am when friends of mine are with other friends of mine.As you see I still consider you a friend though you seem to have cast me out from your life. Jeanne also wrote me that you had contributed ten dolls for Berkman which she sent me. Thank you very much for it.

You probably have been told that my old chum A.B.has been very ill,in fact four months. It is only a week ago that I got him out of the hospital. He is improving and though slowly,he is nevertheless on the way of complete recovery. I understand from Jeannes letter that your got The PRISON MEMOIRS. I am sure you found it a great work as everybody who has read it did.

You must have wondered what had becomo of the book I was to write and to which you contributed so generously. Well, it has not yet been written.Nor will it for some time. The reasons are many not the least that it seemed silly to write a book of people in my life when the whole world is in a chaos and confusion. I felt the need of more vital activity,activity that would express my thoughts and ideas on the world situation. For this purpose I went to England last Nov, trying to awaken the living dead in that country. You will see by the inclosed that I have nothing to boast about as regards my achievements. Still, I was at least not gagged as I am in France. And I have broken some of the ground. In fact I plan to go back to England for further effort. Of course I could not have succeeded even the little I did if I did not have the small fund that had been raised two years ago. I had to draw my living expenses from that as England is hopeless materially.I mean lectures. "~~IT IS~~

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One cannot even earn one's bread by that in HIS MAJESTYS ~~my~~ domain. As Rebecca West once told me " IT IS NOT DONE HERE".

You may say that some of the people who had contributed to the fund did not do so to enable me to carry on active work for my ideas. Well, they shall have the book some day.But until now it was simply impossible for me to buckle down to writing. I did hope to fand a publisher for a series of essay on vital themes of to day.But several whom I have approached wrote "essays do not sell". Neither did Living My Life for that matter nor ~~the~~ published the new book had I written it. And what is the use writing in the void? Of course the reason for the poor sale of L.M.L des pite the marveleus reviews was the high price. Well, there is a very cheap edition on the market now,only one dollar forty nine cents. It is complete except for the photographs that have been eliminated. Knopf sold the rights to the Garden City Publ. House, in Garden City New York. It is some comfort to me that the people whom the book was mostly written for will at last have a chance to buy it.Provided of course it will be called to their attention. So far I have not seen it in any of the American papers. In any event I will not derive a single penny from the new edition because Knopf had lost money on the expensive copy and all royalties will go to him. So you see my dear that one cannot feel inspired to write when one knows one cannot reach those one really wants to attract. I blaime no one for it.It is merely that I cannot write "popular" stuff.

However, all this was merely a contributory factor to the main reasons ~~of~~ why the promised work was not written. Perhaps more important was the fact that I was worn out last

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year from my Canadian activities. And Berkmans illness so far has absorbed all my time and energy in addition to all my thoughts. Until he has completely recovered I will have no peace for any concentrated writing. I know you will understand my situation and you will not feel cheated because your contribut ion was not used for the purpose it was intended. After all I am going to be only sixty ~~six~~ seven years young this month. If I live until seventy I will have almost as much to record in the way of new experiences as in L.M.L. I will then write a supplimentary volume.

How have you been dear Ben? I often think of you andyour life in Toronto? Any chance of you coming abroad this year? I would be so glad to see you again at beautiful St Trpez. I am going there Thursday,later I hope to have Berkman with me. My address for the summer will be Ben Esprit,Chemin St Anteine St Trepez Var. France.

How is mother. Tell her she has neglected me cruelly. Not a word in reply to my letter of months age written from England. What does she mean being silent so long? Does she not love me any more? Well, I love her so,what does it matter.? Still I would like to hear from her. meanwhile give her my love. Also to Ora if you ever write her. Remember me kindly to Senia.

Always affectionately

Please do write me.

Emma Goldman

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3rd June, 193 6

Miss Emma Goldman,
c/o The American Express,
2, Rue Du Congres,
Nice A.M.
France.

Dear Madam,

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for your communication and note the lectures which you propose giving.

At the moment, however, my council have asked me to state that they are unable to offer you an engagement.

Yours faithfully,

DUNDEE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

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E. H. Ballantine
Beechcroft
Bearsville, Ulster Co., N. Y.
Tel. Woodstock 81-F 21

June 3rd.

Darling:

Yours came and I still have nothing further to report than that Poe's condition is the same. Mercifully he is kept under morphine all the time, otherwise his pain would be unendurable. Babsie sits in the next room and waits. Dear God, it is more than 3 weeks now. I must confess that everything else seems trivial to me. I live in that Huntington Hospital and jump every time the phone rings. No; I only pray that their agony may end soon.

I spent Ruth's first day at home with her, helped her unpack and get settled. The Doctors claim she is much better than she will admit but she does not fight her depression but hugs it and is so self-centered which is part of her illness. Not even Poe's tragic loss drawn out end made an impression.

We came back last Thursday - there was nothing else to do. I have had to work hard. I do all my heavy cleaning too, and I have a bad right arm - neuritis, so I am in constant pain. The Doctor says I have unusually low blood pressure, and he thinks it may be my teeth - my circulation is poor. It is

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quite unimportant in view of Noe and Babs' situation [illegible] terribly inconvenient. Writing, for instance, is very painful, or mending.

Just had a note from Kate. Poor Anvelica broke her arm in Chicago and is laid up there. She was obliged to cancel her tour. Kate is very distressed about it.

I wish there were one gleam in this darkness. The only grand thing is that Sasha is recovering. Sash is no longer active and I am happy if his life with Emmy is some recompense for his long bitter years in prison. It is inevitable that some one else's menage should get on your nerves. I am sure Emmy wants to please you -- but when one lives such worlds apart, sharing a tiny domicile would be trying to two women of the same sort - its an impossible situation as it stands.

I know when this reaches you - all else will seem trivial compared to the fact that our beloved Noe has to suffer so before sleep finally comes. I wish I could spare you. Life grows continually poorer for us. He is worried about Babs' future. He talked to me about it.

Der tet love, darling. I am still sending this to Jo ha's address. Give him my love. Remember me to Auntie - tell her Davy still recalls his visit to her shop in Vence.

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Toll Park

St Andrews

Fife.

5th June 1936.

Dear Madame

I have received your letter of 29th ult. & my immediate & instinctive desire on seeing the date of that letter, was to start the reply at once on receipt of same.

Yours faithfully

E. L. D Aitken

Secretary St. Andrews 1920 Club.

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Telephone No. 271.

9, Golden Square,
Aberdeen, 5th June, 1936.

Dear Madam,

Rotary Players of Aberdeen.

I have to thank you for your letter of 29th ult which I have placed before the Committee.

I am instructed to state that the Committee very much appreciate your approaching them, but at the present moment they feel that their Club is not sufficiently large to justify asking you to deliver a lecture to them.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J. Patrick Jeffrey

Hon. Secretary.

Miss Emma Goldman,
C/o The American Express Co.,
2, rue du Congres,
Nice A.M.,
France.

THE FIRST DUTY OF A ROTARIAN IS TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS REGULARLY

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Sat., June 6,36

Well, dear, here I am at my machine again, though it seems that I have become a stranger to my keyboard and must search for every letter like a novice. That's what lack of practice for some time means. Besides, sitting at my desk still makes me feel a bit strange, and still not much desire for it, either. But all that is again a matter of habit and practice, and soon I'll get used to it, I suppose.

Well, I have been wondering how you found Bon Esprit and things in general there, and whether you people arrived all OK in that crowded little car. I am afraid that the young man was not very comfortable, at least the way he sat down in the back when you started. The front seats are of course much better.

By this time you must be busy getting things in order, though I hope that Anna left the place in more or less decent shape. And how are the Sandstromos, I wonder. Give them my best greetings, please. I had written them a short note.

Here nothing special. Dr. d'Eck was to lunch yesterday and I think he enjoyed Emmy's cooking very much. At any rate, he was telling me how little he eats, as a rule, but here he had several helpings of every dish, and it was really a very tasty, varied meal, and very light at that, with fish instead of meat, and all kinds of trimmings. But he did not tell me anything new in re E., and he did not mention taking her to that professor. It is possible that he wants her first to try out properly the medicine and diet he prescribed before. And the real trial, to the letter, begins today, with several meals per day instead of two (small ones, each time) and more exact attention to the medicine. He is going to send another prescription instead of that coal-lozenges, but of about the same character, with xxxxxxx charcoal in it, but more pleasant to take. E. has not been feeling for some days as good as last week.

As to myself, I am relatively OK, though my wound heals extremely slowly. In fact, several days before you left my wound opened again (that day before the rain started) and I was not again. But Emmy made me a very tight bandage and it is beginning to close again. I told d'Eck about it and asked him for some salve to help it heal better, but he said that was not his line, so that he even declined to suggest a salve. He said he did not like to "interfere" with the treatment of Tourton, which was an evasion, of course, since Tourton's treatment of me is finished like ago. But it is just as well, since I know myself what has to be done.

Received from Mode fifty dollars. He must be very hard up himself, for otherwise he would have surely sent more. Will write him when I muster up enough energy to get to this machine again. You can see by the frequent mistakes in my writing that I have not made friends with my Corona yet.

Also received check for $100. from Kapp. I wonder whether that is still from the sum he had in his hands after that Committee had finished its work. I'll have to look over the accumulated letters and documents here to figure out how much he has sent me altogether. But I am going to acknowledge the receipt of the last check today yet.

That's about all the "news". And this will do for the present, I think. I hope you are feeling all right and that your mail does not bring more bad news from the U.S., or from anywhere, for that matter. Affect. S

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St Tropez June 7th 36.

Darling. As you see I am back in Bon Esprit. But for the ever present thought of Moe's agonized struggle I should be glad to be back here. I found the garden and the house very much neglected the house especially was a regular pig-sty. It is an old story people never appreciate what they get for nothing. True the woman I left the house with did spend something on manuring the soil pruning the trees and the vine. But she had no other expence. So why need she have cared about leaving the house as she found it? However, filthy as Bon Esprit looked it is still a dream place when one has peace of mind. I do not have to tell you that I have nothing of that. In fact I am so distressed about Moes' condition I cannot concentrate on anything much. I suppose you have written me by the next mailing after may 26th. If so the letter will first go to Sasha and then be sent here. The fact that there is no cabll shows that the horrible struggle between life and death goes on. My own beloved brother why must he have such an end? One so gentle, so patient, so kind. It is cruel. One feels paralysed in the face of the inexorable.

I have been thinking a great deal about Babsies terror that it may be found out that Moe is my brother. She never xxxx suffered from this obsession when she and Moe lived in Knox ville. She used to send money orders from there, write letters and ask for clippings or anything about my work. Could it be that Moes illness has made her so afraid, and no doubt also him of losing his job? Of course, it would have been suicidal in his long illness to be removed from his post. I understood that perfectly. But what I cannot understand is her fear xx that Moes name will be connected with my name after he is gone. what can be the matter, I wonder.?

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Poor Babsie, she is like all the characters in BURRY THE DEAD. She wants it kept quiet that Hoe is my own,yet everybody will naturally speak about it. Certainly not I though it is going to be painful enough to deny the one who was as my own child. but so many people know of our bond it will be strange if it should not become known. Hoes going from us will leave the same kind of void in my heart as Helenas did,in a way even more deeper because we were closer than I was with Helena. Hoe knew and shared my life more intimately. Yes,it will be a fearful blow Yet I would rather face it than know Hoe is suffering and is being ketp alive artificially. Whatever it will be darling, write me.

I was glad to get away from Nice now that Sasha is at home and gets the care he needs from Emmy. They are both happier when I am far away. Emmy certainly is because she suffers agony when I do things for Sasha. What will happen when they come here I don't know. I will simply have to stifle everything in me for the sake of peace. For the present Sasha cannot come. His recovery is very slow,his wound is not yet healed. Emmy is very much better But there is no saying whether she will improve to the extent of not needing an operation. It is already much that she feels better. ~~Sax~~ So the two will get along alright.

I have a lot of work to do for my return to England. A large correspondence with numerous dramatic societies. So far I have only three favorable responces. No doubt there will be more. I hope so anyhow. The only time I have any inner peace is when I am active. What else is there in life for me? Not a thing and no one to fill the void. Of course dearest I have you,and Saxo and I clung to the thought of Hoe though I only heard from him

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box once in a blue moon. If he goes,who remains of the family who has always stood close to me? I am not forgetting your mother darling, and Ruth. But now she too is removed by her illness. Besides I have never been so free with Ruth as with you or Saxe. Yes, I have a few dear comrades, and still fewer real friends.But on the whole I feel frightfully removed and seperated from every bod y. So I must keep busy,or life will be altogether unbearable.

I have sent an ad to a paper in London that specialises on Continental real estate. You will laugh if I tell you you that the paper is called THE LADY. Just for me to advertise Bon Esprit. I have offered it to let for eight,nine months with an option of buying or selling. I will be very much surprised if anybody will reply. The situation in Europe is so undertain,especially France now with all the strikes and the franc in danger of falling. Who would care to settle in France. Anyhow, I have inserted an ad. If that fails I may also advertise in the Herald Tribune. If that too fails I will have to lock the place for next winter. I will never again permit anyone irresponsible to come in here.

And so Ruth is home now. I hope she will make an effort to regain her balance,for the babys sake. And what about Saxe,has she recovered? Give her my love and Ruth as well of cours if she is sufficiently awake to care.

Michael Cohn is expected in Nice around the 19th or 20th of this month. I suppose he will come over to St Tropez. I wonder if he will see you before he sails.

Give my love to Teddy, Ian David and Angelica if she is near. Also Kate of course.

Devoted love to you my darling.

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St Tropez June 8th 36.

Dear Mr Robinson.

Your kind letter of May 31st was delayed in transmission as I left Nice last Wed.the 3rd. I am in St Tropez for the summer. So, if you write me again there will be no further loss of time in reaching me.

Thank you very much indded for your letter. I am delighted to know that your Society is favorable to a lecture by me. A few days ago I also had a letter from THE BRADFORD CIVIC PLAYHOUSE. They also want to book me but they were not sure of the exact date. It seems The PLAYHOUSE is being rebuilt and the secret ary was not sure when her organisation could have me come to Bradford. She thought not until after Christmas.

About a suitable date for your Society. Unless you too desire to wait until after Christams I could come the first week of Nov, or even earlier, the last week in Oct. I am already booked up in London between the 17th and 23rd of Oct. And in Plymouth the last 2 weeksin Nov. It would suite me, therfore to speak for your Society either the end of Oct, or beginning of Nov. Or the first part of Dec. Naturally, if you would rather wait ~~xxx~~ until the new year it will be alright. Only I will have to know in advance.

As regardmy fee; I have had to vary it according to the exhcequer of the societies that have booked me. A number of Playgoers Societies, such as Manchester, Liverpool, Bristol etc. have paid me five guineas, railway expences and hospitality. Coventry, Plymouth and other organisation numerically smaller

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societies have paid three plus railway expences and hospitality. On rare occasions when the drama group is financially handicapped rather than discriminate against them I have charged only 2 guinea plus the expences. As my sole source of income is my pen and my lectures I cannot charge less than 3. which as really a very modest fee. But as I already stated large organisations have paid me five. However, I am quite willing to leave the dicision of the amount for my lecture to your judgment.

Yours faithfully

Bon Esprit, Chemin St Antoine
St Tropez Var. France.

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St Tropez Var June 8th 36.

Dear Miss Briggs.

Here I am back in St Tropez until the end of Sept. Before I left Nice I received your kind letter and some Scotish addresses of dramatic societies. It is not yet time to hear from them in reply to my letter. I have received about forteen answers to my letters to the secretaries of English drama organizations.Mostly saying that they are too poor to pay even a modest fee of 2 guineas. I wish I could give my work free of charge.One can do that only when one has an independent income or is subsedieze I have neither.

However, I have received a few encoyraging letters from Manchester, Newport and Bradford. Nothing from the drama groups,but from THE ENGLISH SOCIETY AND THE BRADFORD PLAYHOUSE. They have promised to book me. The strangest thing to me is that outside of the lady who asked for my fee not one organisation wrote in response to my circular in DRAMA. According to Mr Beresford the magazine reaches 4500 groups and individuals.Yet not a word from anybody. I am sure you have received nothing ~~yxxxx~~ or you would have sent on the replies or any word you had received. I know hpw responsible and kind you have always been. Perhaps some thing will yet come.One goes on hoping.

Is the conference you told me about going to take place? If so please do not forget to send me the names of secret aries. I will make another effort and do as I have with the names you have sent me, inclose a ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ self addressed and stamped envelope. People do reply to such an arrangement.

I hope the Drama Festival was a great success. Perhaps

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next summer I may be in London to attend a similar festival.
Please write me if you have any suggestion to make
to reach people in re bookings.

Cordially.

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St Tropez Var June 8th 36.

Miss Winifred Priestley
Hon.Sec.
THE BRADFORD CIVIC PLAYHOUSE.
THE CIVIC PLAYHOUSE
Bradford,
England

Dear Madam.

Thank you for your kind letter of May 31st. I have since left Nice and am here for the summer. I am delighted to learn that your Society will be pleased to have me for a lecture I understand of course that it will have to be after Christams owing to the renovation of your Playhouse. It will be alright then. I note that you will be good enough to ask your Committee to write me whether or no they will book me for the new year.

I can be reached here until the end of Sept. After that time c/o the British Drama League. I have some bookings in Paris to fill before I return to England about the 15th of Oct.

Again thanking your for your courtesy.

Yours sincerely.

Bon Esprit
Chemin St Antoine
St Tropez Var
France.

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St Tropez Var, June 8th 36.

Dear Mrs Doran.

I am delighted to know that the Manchester Play goers' Club has not forgotten me, or my work. Condindering the lengt of time since I had the pleasure of meeting you and other members of the your society it is most encoyreageing to know that one is still not forgotten.

Thank you for your kindness in submitting my name to your Committee for consideration whe your Syllabus will be made up. I hope I will be included among your lecturers.

I am here until the latter part of September. So, you can if you wish write me here. It will reach me direct and save the Drama League the work to forward your letter. Naturally, if I were travelling on the Continent the Drama League would alway know how to reach me.

Yours sincerely and with kind greetings to THE MANCHESTER PLAYGOERS' CLUB.

Bon Esprit
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St Tropez Var
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St Tropez June 9th 36.

...r. I hope you got my handwritten letter I sent with the Cracks and which I asked them to mail in Cannes. They are such reliable youngsters I am sure they mailed it. It was written in a great hurry. And to days letter too will have to be somewhat short as I still have a lot to do to make the house habitable. But I do not want to leave you without word too long.

I received your letter and I keep on thinking how you are getting along 'bout your wound. Is it healing now that x.bandaged you? If it does not I hope you will not neglect to see Tortou. It really costs more in the end if one does not attend to such a thing. The hospital is so far and Tortou so busy as you always said it would seem a waste of time and shake you up terribly to go there. Better arrange to see him in his office. Please do dour ash,he will probably suggest a quicker healing process.

About the money Rapp sent. I think the amount of $300 odd dolars have long been sent you. This must be the new fund which Rapp is trying to raise. In fact, Fitzi wrote me she attended a gathering at which at was decided to raise five thousand dollars for you. Rapp did say it would be hard to do so during the summer,naturally.But he wants to organize the effort thoroughly during the summer and get as much as he can.Then launch a campaign by means of the new edition of your memoirs that is to be sold in the unions. At least thats how I understood Fitzis letter. When you feel able to write you ought to write Rapp and Fitzi to the effect that you would be glad if your memoirs were again republished and spread among the young elements in the unions. They know very little about our work,or either one of us. Not that the latter matters.But it does matter to have your work circulated

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in thw ranks of a new generation grown up since we were deported. I strongly suggest you should write Kapp when you feel able, of course. He has really shown very great interest in you and he should be made to feel your appreciation. When you will be able you should also write Minna. She is the most devoted friend you have in America. And it will mean much to her if you tell her so. Please do not mind my suggesting things. You know how deeply I feel about every thing concerning your life, your health, and your freedom from mat erial worry, especially now when you are in the convalescent stage.

When the house is in order I will write you about the various moneys I received for you and what I have spent. It was not a great deal, it was about £11, and $thirty , and ten I took from E. in cash. Anyhow I will write ... l about it later on.

How is Emmy? I hope as well as she felt the few weeks after she begun to take that churool stuff. I am sure d'Eck is dependable. I mean he will do what he promised if it will be necessary. He told me he would see that big doctor if his own stuff does not relieve E. And if that man should find an operation necessary he would himself go to Prat and arrange everything. I hope for Emmys sake and yours that d'Ecks method may give Her relief if not a complete cure. Besides, if E. will follow d'Ecks orders she may also be cured. Regimes do not work over night, ot in an illness of a life time. You will be able to judge d'Ecks achievement only after E. has tried his instructions for a number of months. But then you know that yourself.

The only new thing at this end is an awfully nice new letter carrier. He asks for letters to be mailed every morning. He takes them and puts them on the gare so they leave the same day. It will be a tremendious help as I will not have to go down

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to the village every day. So far I have not yet had the time to begin on my correspondence. I will have to soon. And then it will be of help to have the new man mail my letters.

The Sandstroms have evidently adjusted themselves to their loss because they both look much better than last year. We even put on flesh. I had them to coffee Saturday evening. They send their best greetings to you and Emmy.

Before I forget it dear, the number of Anna' phone in our house is 52. She has to go on paying for the use of it for the rest of the two years. I will only pay for the calls I use which will be damned little. Ann must pay seventy francs every three months, But that is her look out. In case of anything Emmy might call me up. Mornings it will always be safe as I may have to go to the village in the afternoon. Thats what I have to do to day. It is market day and I must have a few small things, such as a scrub brush and a lot of kitchen things all gone, or so rusty no amount of scowering helps.

You forwarded a post card of a young English comrade who with a chum of his is motorcycling through France. As I did not know when I would be here I gave him your address to get in touch with me. He may have written you a card whether he can see you. You do not have to if you prefer not to. He is a very ardent comrade and the son of an old anarchist. I told you about them hoping all their lives to meet you and me. They live in Nuneaton which is George Elliotts birthplace. The mill which she discribed in her work THE MILL ON THE FLOSS is still their. Any how the Smiths, the name of the old man, and also his sons are very nice comrades. But as I said you do not need to see the son

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He and his chum will most likely come on here and I will be very glad to put them up for a few days. They are both worth while young people,I mean Henry Smith and his friend.

Don't forget dear to make sure when the Savoie arrives. Give Michael my love and tell him I expect him here as I do not intend to come back to Nice. I understand he intends to go to Spain to meet Nettlau there. But I am sure he will want to pay me a visit with or without his lady. Of course,she will be welcome. You will please let me know if he wants to stop at a hotel.I could get them the room at Sandström and they could take their meals with me. It will save Michael considerable expense. I dare not hope that you will be in condition to bring them here or that you will care to do it so soon. If not K. and his girl can stay with me. You must decide yourself what you intend to do this summer about Bonrit.

Love from my love,and take some for yourself.

Emma

Inclosed are a lot of stamped envelopes,sorry they are only from England.

Re letter is certainly not shd is it? Dear, I discovered enough paper, four 2 covers. But no envelopes. Ask Michael when she is near the Lafayette to please buy 100 gummed envelopes & 100 plain & send Rep. &c. Or she might get it cheaper in your wholesale House &c. No

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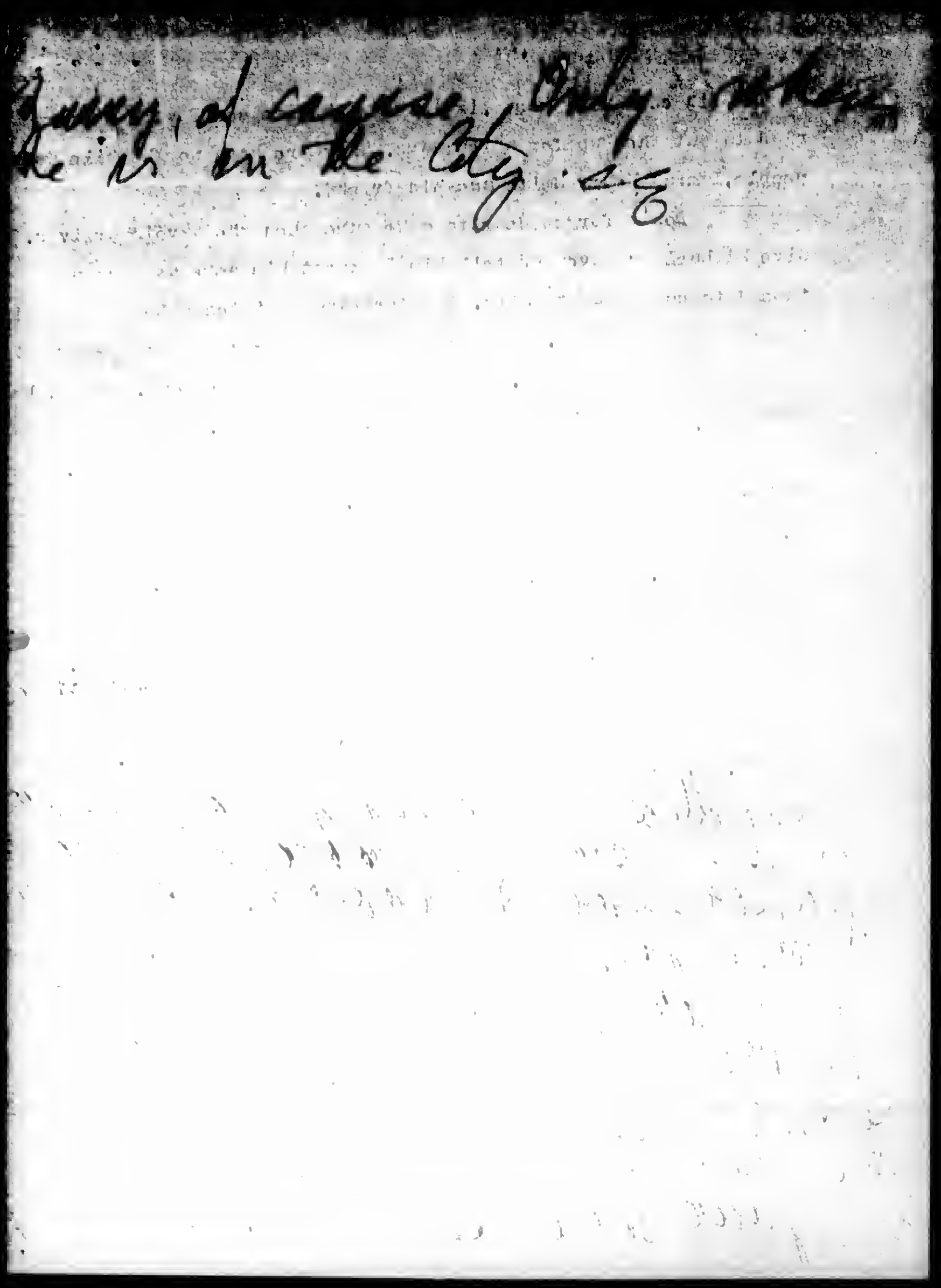
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4 QUEEN STREET,
EDINBURGH, 9th June, 1936.

Miss Emma Goldman,
2. rue du Congres.
Nice.

Dear Madam,

Your letter of 29th May was duly received, and submitted for consideration at the Committee Meeting of our Society last night.

I have been asked to express to you the thanks of the Philosophical Institution Dramatic Society for your offer to lecture to them during the forthcoming season; but they regret they do not see their way to avail themselves of same.

Yours faithfully,
M. Kathleen Barnett.
Hon. Secretary.

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June 10.

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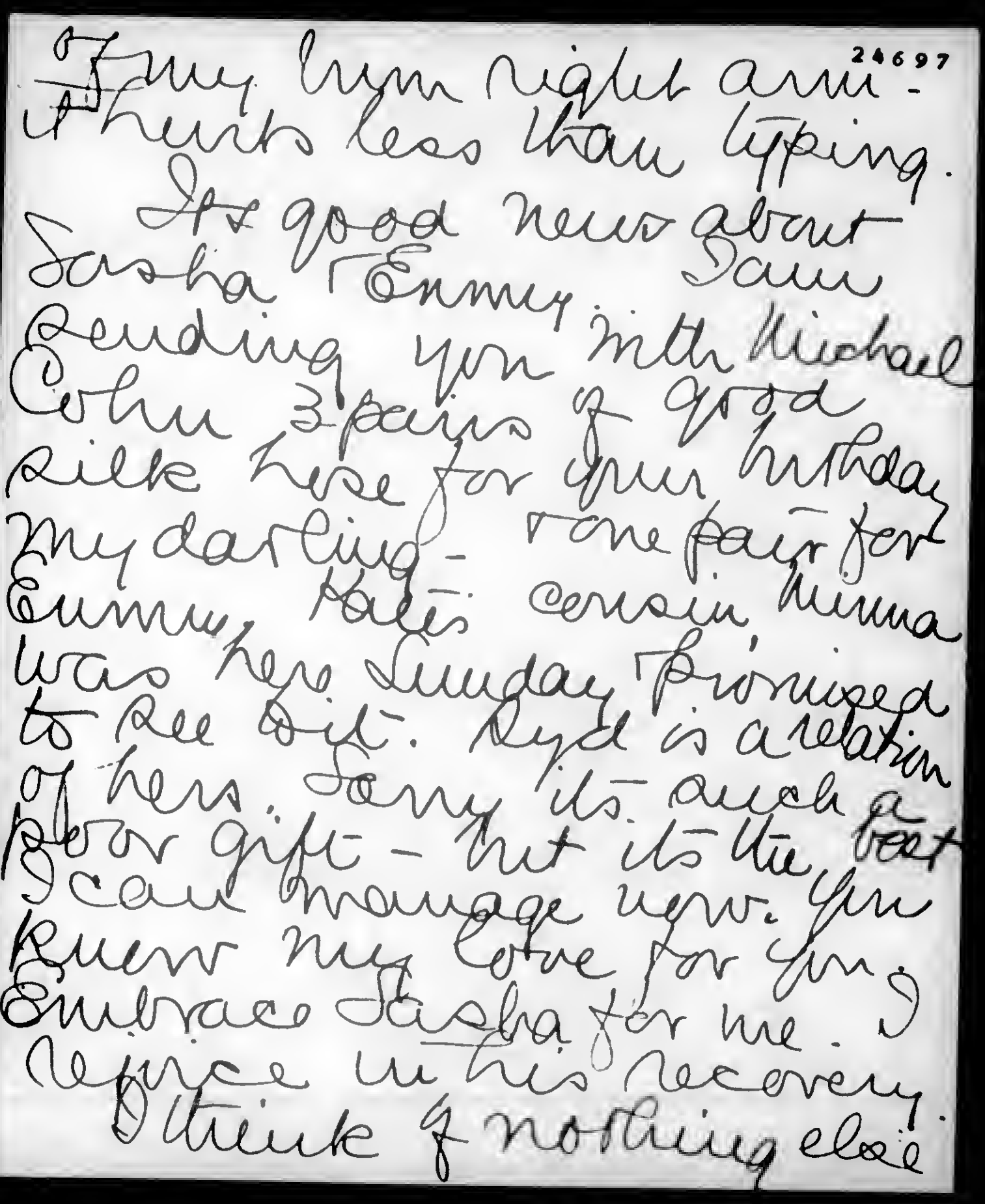
Yours of June 1st with enclosed note for Babysit came this minute. Planned to write you today. Mac's condition is unchanged. There is no hope. Talked to Doc long distance night before last. No one sees Mac, except Jay Miller twice a week. Doc permits no one else - he for reasons of her own does n't allow - Says he does n't see him & it is useless for him to go out. Sam writing long hand because

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Dear Lyn night and
I think less than typing.
It's good news about
Sasha Emma Sam
sending you with Michael
Cohn 3 pairs of good
silk hose for your birthday
My darling - one pair for
Emma, Kate's cousin, Emma
was here Sunday promised
to see it. Kate is a relation
of hers. Sorry its such a
poor gift - but its the best
I can manage now. You
know my love for you.
Embrace Sasha for me. I
rejoice in his recovery.
Think of nothing else

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Recept Mae Pals- but
I have to keep an iron grip
on myself nor to go to
pieces- I have offered to go
but to her but she wants to
be alone. I write her three
times a week - did a little
commission for her in my
les plus sadder & wiser days
art business. I think they
keep Mae under morphine
most of the time.
Glad you will be on
in your own place & have
no further personal conflict.
When a trifle easier time

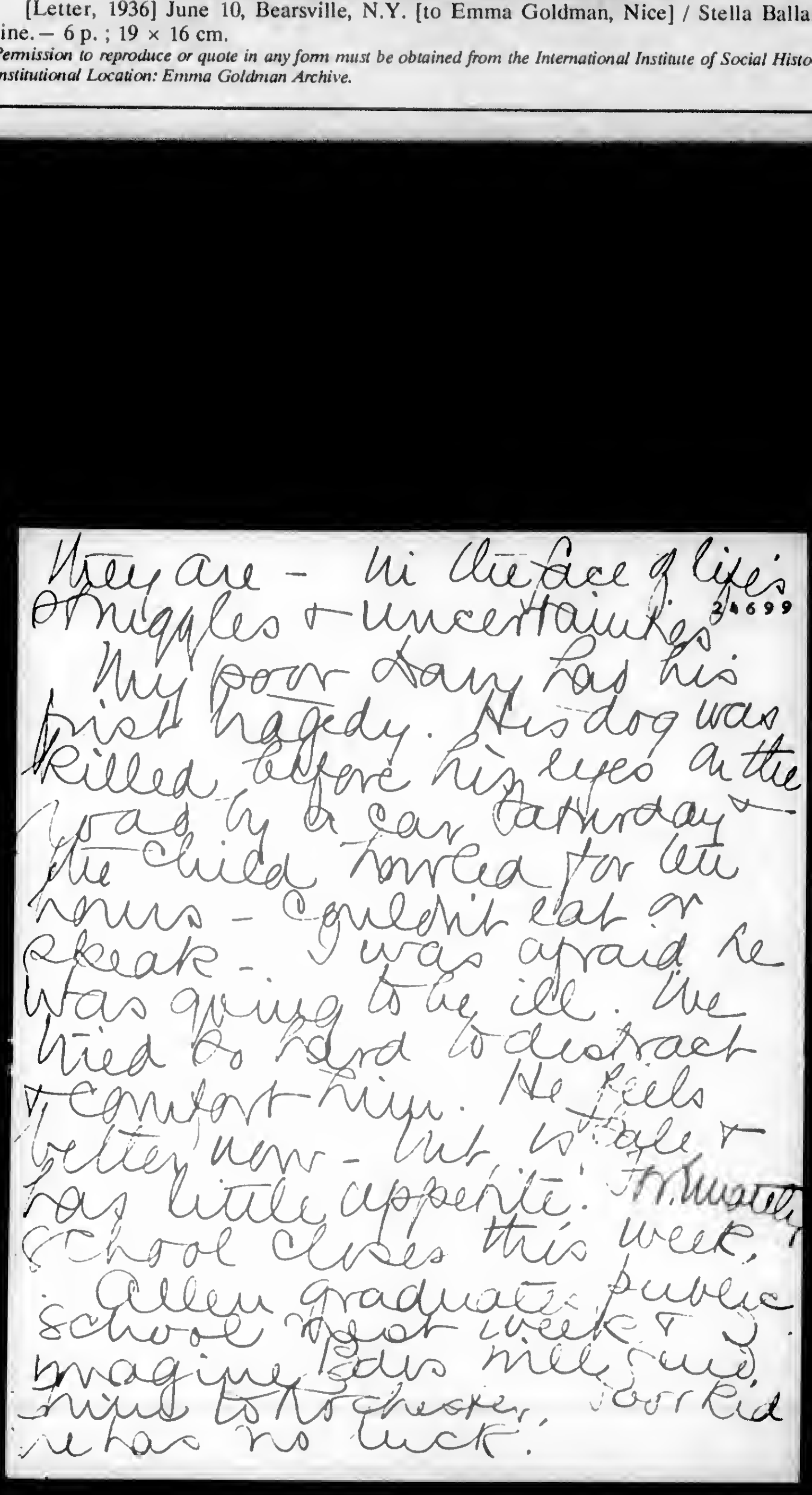
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You are - in the face of life's struggles + uncertainties 3.1699
My poor Dany has his first tragedy. His dog was killed before his eyes on the road by a car Saturday + the child sorrea for ten hours - & did not eat or speak - I was afraid he was going to be ill. We tried so hard to distract + comfort him. He feels better now - but is pale + has little appetite. The school closes this week. & then graduation + summer vacation begins. I will send mind to his teacher. Poor kid - he has no luck!

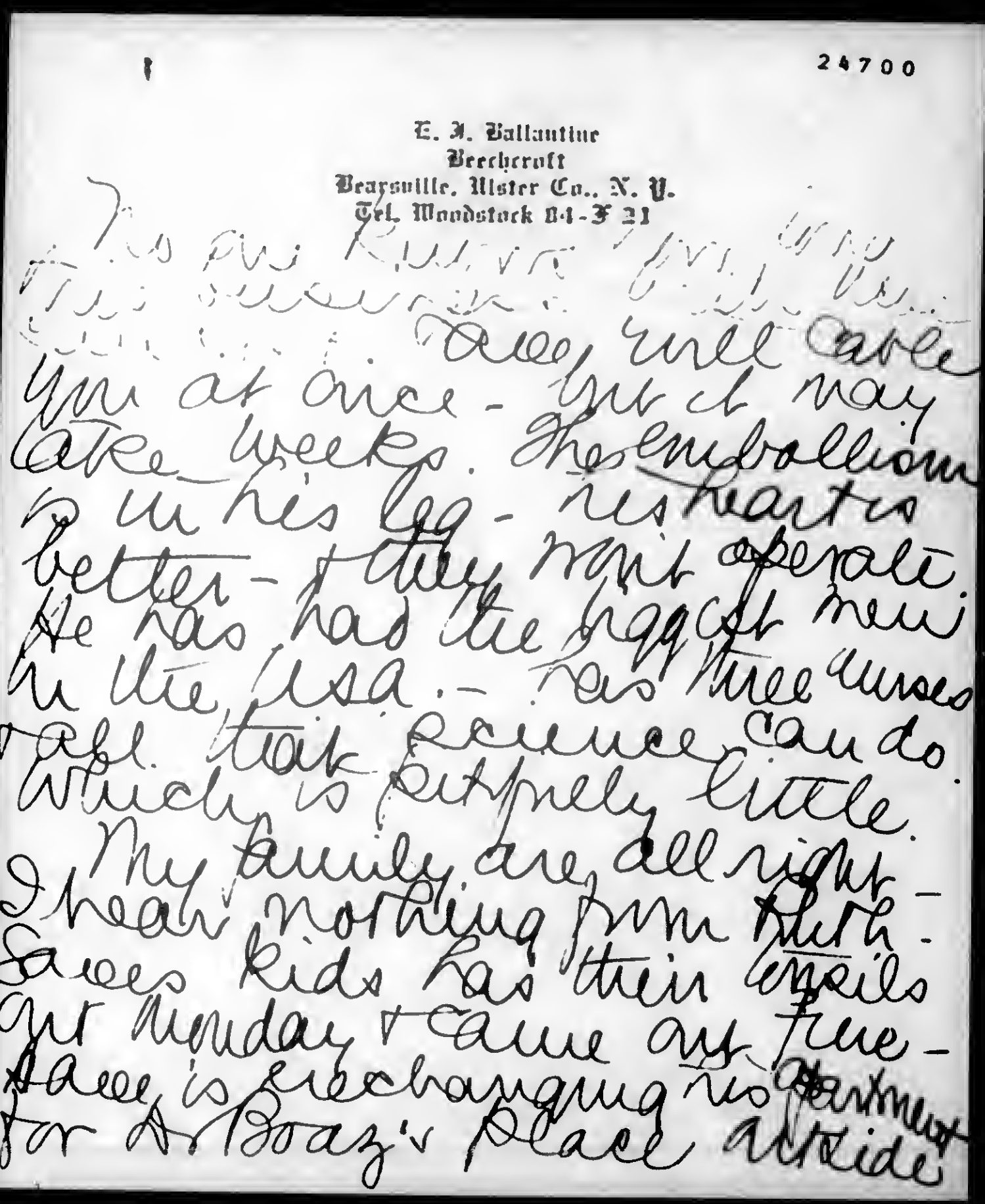
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Dear Emma
Yours at once - but it may take weeks. The embolism in his leg - his heart is better - they may not operate. He has had the biggest mail in the U.S.A. - has three nurses and a trained secretary to do. Which is extremely little.
My family are all right - I hear nothing from Ruth. Saxe's kids has their exeils for Monday + came up here - Saxe is exchanging his apartment for A. Boaz's place at side

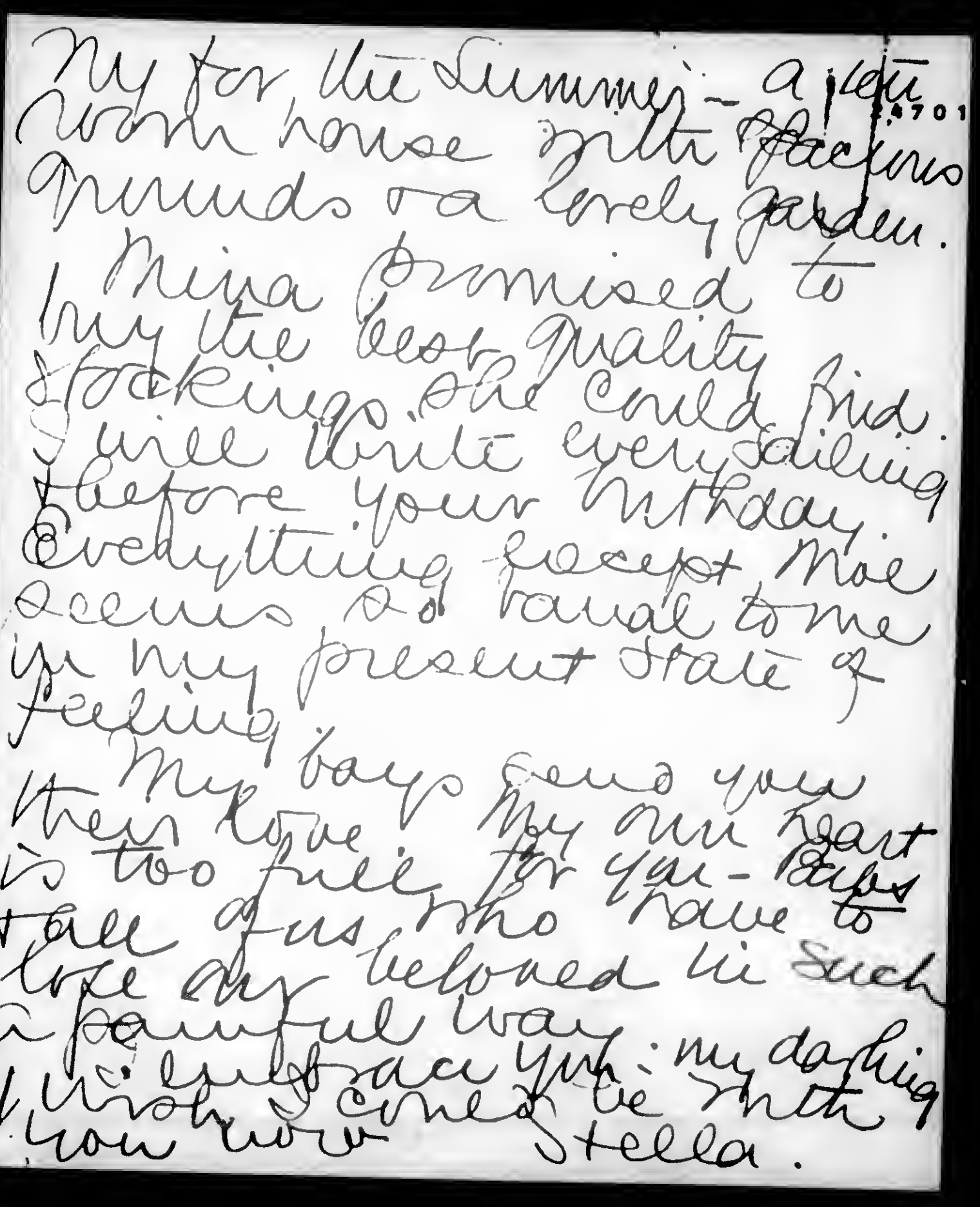
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My dear Mrs Summer - a letter
with house with flowers
grounds & a lovely garden.
Mina promised to
buy the best quality
stocking she could find.
I will write every day
before your birthday.
Everything except Mine
seems so banal to me
in my present state of
feeling.
My boys send you
their love. My own heart
is too full for you - Like
all of us who have to
live day beloved li Such
a painful way
I wish I could be with
you more Stella.

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June 10th, 1936

Miss E. G. Colton,
St. Tropez Var, France.

My dear Emma:

Received your letter today, and rejoiced at the news that Berkman is out of the hospital, and that there will be no need for his returning there in the immediate future. Illness, in addition to worry and uncertainty, is enough to cause any despair and complication. However, I am glad that he is on the road to improvement, and while his convalescence may last for some time, his health will undoubtedly improve, as we hope it will.

The London publisher shipped the plates of Berkman's Memoirs much sooner than I had need of them, or had expected to receive them. I do not have physical possession of them as yet, as according to the shipping regulations, in order to bring them to the States without any duty, it requires verification to the fact that they are being returned to the individual who originally shipped them to the London publisher on a loaning basis only.

Inasmuch as the books were shipped to me and not to Miss Fitzgerald, we shall have to go through a certain procedure; particularly so, as the party receiving the books in the States for the London publisher also requires, amongst the documents, the date and the name of the vessel on which the plates were originally shipped. As soon as Miss Fitzgerald has located this information, I shall be in possession of the plates and shall keep them until such time as we are ready to go to press.

I have noted very carefully the financial difficulties you are up against, due to the unusual expenses incurred as a result of the hospital, operations, and allied expenses. At this time, I have no funds at all; but, as I have previously written to you, I am rather hopeful -- or, I can even say, confident -- that I that I shall be able to collect enough money each month to make a regular remittance. In the event of my succeeding in getting more money, I will be more than glad to do so. In other words, I expect to take care of Berkman until the time that we have the book printed, and actively begin selling it.

This is the height of the summer season, where even the poor people go to seek some relief in the country or backwoods, and those that are a little better off surely take vacations. It is generally slow in the industry during the s[redacted] season, and it is difficult to assemble most of our sympathizers at this t[redacted] Even if we did succeed in getting them together, the sources where we [redacted]

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[illegible] and not over-annoy anyone, if we want to get the [illegible] assistance at the appropriate time.

Please accept my kind regards, and those of all your friends and acquaintances.

Fraternally yours,

Phillip Kapp

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Nice, June 10, 1936

Yes, dear, received your postal and also your hand-written letter. And today received your typed letter of the 9th, so everything arrived.

Thanks for the suggestions to write to Kapp and Minna. But it has already been done. To Kapp I wrote just a short letter of appreciation, telling him that I would write at greater length after I get used to sit at my machine. As a matter of fact, I am entirely unused to my machine now and it is a strain to sit in the position necessary for typing. I'll get used to it gradually, though.

Yes, Kapp must have sent already more than those $300. that remained. I have not looked over all the accounts nd letters accumulated here. I did not know that they have started a new fund and though I heard from Fitzi some time ago, she did not mention it. Well, about all this I'll wite to Kapp later on, also about the Memoirs.

I can imagine you have plenty to do with the house so neglected. Well, it will keep you busy for a while, though I am sure your correspondence will also do that.

E. is not feeling well at all. She is following the directions of Dr. d'Eck, and paying attention to her diet, but she seems to have a relapse. Well, everything must be trie out before we resort to an operation. D'Eck sent another prescription instead of that charcoal stuff. The charcoal things must be finished first and then she'll start on the new one.

I am so so. Now and then the wound opens a bit, because in my case it takes a long time to heal. But Tourtou will tell me the same as before, that it simply must heal by natural means. Should it be necessary, I will of course see T., but at present it is not necessary. My trouble is that I am very weak, with reduced vitality. It is THEREFORE that my wound does not heal well. I eat well and yet I am pretty weak with little desire or energy for work. But of course I am not out of the hosp. a long time yet, and I suppose I will gradually gain strength.

I received (and forwarded to you) another postal from Smith. They are not coming this way, they said.

Yes, I'll look up the Savoie, but I'll surely not be able to accompany Michael to St.Tr. Why, my dear, I'm in no condition to travel and I don't expect to be in such condition for a long time. Some doctors say that it takes from a year to a year and a half to recover completely from a prostate operation. There you have what people call "a simple thing", as Modska told me. Anyhow, at present even riding in an autobus for 12 minutes shakes me all up, and if I walk 5 minutes I must rest 15 minutes afterwards -- and I am supposed to be up and do some walking to help the wound to heal, as Tourtou told me. Besides all this, I am afraid that E. will have to have an operation, and may be soon, and of course I would not leave her alone under such conditions. To be sure, we'll try out all other means before resorting to an operation.

Well, after all this Jammern, a piece of good news. E. went to the Pref. to inquire why my papers do not arrive from Paris. There was a new clerk and he seemed not to know much about the case, but he sent her to inquire at the other headquarters, and there they also knew nothing. But the clerk made a remark that the paper will come in time and it's "for a year", he said. Well, E. told me about it, but it sounded as if the clerk pretended to know some-

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thing which he he really did not know. So I paid no attention to it.

But they called me at last to headquarters and to my great surprise I saw that my new permission is actually made out for a year!

Strange, isn't it, for I did not even ask for it. I wrote in the usual form, asking for a continuation of 6 months, the same as last time.

It could not bethe NEW minister of the Interior who did that. He was not yet in office when my new paper was made out in Paris. Besides, he has more important things to do just the first days of his getting into office than attend to my case. It was done by the OLD officials in the Suretée Nationale in Paris. May be because they don't want to be bothered too often with the same application. But it is rather strange they should prolong my time without even my asking for it. Of coures ~~myx~~ "my" local man claims that HE had asked for it, but he lies, for he himself did not know about it till they produced the order in another department where I had to call for it. In fact, five minutes before he saw the paper he (wanting a tip) said to me, "It is time you should ask for a longer extension. Ask for a year". I said sure I'll do so, and he was the most ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ surprised man when the clerk handed him my paper and he saw that the paper was ~~xxx~~ already made out for a year!

Well, however it happened, it is great! I have not received the paper yet, ~~xxxxx~~ for it takes about another ten days before the formalities are completed. But it is a year all right.

Now, in view of this, I am not sure whether I should write to Vladek & Co. to have them approach Blum. May be later on. Just now it is too early anyhow. What do you think? Is it worth bothering about it at all, since I have now permission for a whole year? Even if Blum should want to do something in my case (which is not at all sure), the thing goes through the Minister of Interior and particularly ~~xxxxxx~~ through the latter's chief secretary. They would examine my papers, and when they see that I have now permission for a year, I am afraid they would say that that is good enouf and they would not bother more about it. Moreover, an expulsion in France, I am told, is almost never suspended until after 30 years have passed.

Well, there is plenty of time for this. Writing this has tired me out, so I must close. — Thanks for those envelopes, for I want to send some to T's boy from time to time, especially in case I have to see the man again. And I notice ~~xx~~ how careful you were to open the envelopes, even with a pair of scissors, for which special thanks.

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St Tropez June 11th 36.

While I want to hear from you and all about you and Emmy I do not want you to write at length when it fatigues you. You have the great gift of saying much in a few lines.So until you feel much better just write postcards. It will do to make me feel that I am not entirely cut off.

That was wonderful news about your extention. Verily miracles happen. I wonder how that came about? But what does it matter as long as it is really true. I almost fear to believe it until the papers will be in your possession. That you must let me know by phone.It will be too grand to wait for a letter.

I quite agree with you that it is unnecessary to write Forwards people now. But I would suggest this; Cahan or Vladek are sure to come to Europe this summer,maybe even soon to see the grand advent of Blum and the Socialists. Perhaps it would be worth writing Cahan if he does come over to see Blum personally and put your case before him. Or Vladek.What do you think? It is true that expulsions in France hang on for a long time.But after all it is an event in France for a Socialist ~~xxx xxxxxxxxx~~ govern,ent to get to power. Now, while you and I know that Socialists in power have often been worse than Laberals,it is also true and most exceptional that a Socialist government should take such a stand ig a strike of the present nature ,actually ~~xxxxx~~ the taking possession of the fawtories and holding them for two weeks. It is remaroable that the Blum Ministry holds out against the use of oorganized force which the rotten bourgeoisie is only too willing ~~xx~~ should be used. This seems a new departure. So why ~~xxxxxxxx~~ may it not also be that the ~~xx~~ Blum Minsitry

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will show a new attitude to some of the hoary laws in re expulsion and political rights of refugeese? It s worth trying. Don't you think? But you are right that it should not be by letter. A personal talk with Blum by Cahan or Vladek would have an effect. Yes, I know it depends on the Minister of Interior and his secretary. But since Solangro is an appointee of Blum it is Blum whose word will carry weight. I think the matter ought to be tried not only for your sake but also for other politicals so easily expelled from France. Anyhow think it over and if you agree writs Cahan and Vladek to let you know when they are coming over and how they can be reached. That you want to communicate with them in a matter of importance to you.

I am terribly sorry that Emmy feels rotten again, My dear, of course you cannot leave her alone not only if she has to have an operation. But even if you were able to make the trip here I should not expect you to do it with Emmy in pain. Far from that I would, if you and E. will want me to be present at an operation and take care of her and you, lock the house and come back to Nice. I hardly need to assure you that dear Sash. I still hope she will not have to go under the knife. But if everything else fails and she must submit to it I will be at your and her disposal. Not is dear I left Nice because there was nothing I could do to help your recovery. And going back and forth to Menoe would wore me out. Besides it was a large expense. But never hesitate to call me if you or Emmy will need me. Nothing matters so much to me as that. No, of course, you will not be able to travel when Michael comes. But I said so in my letter that I did not dare hope you would already be strong enough. Anyhow dear its your health

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I am concerned about not my comfort or pleasure of having you. That too needs no assurance I hope.

Dear Sash I do not want to drive you in re seeing Tortou. But you surely realize that what he said when you were one of many patients in the hospital and what he might say to you as a private patient are two different matters . Take your extreme weakness though as you say you eat a lot. It is not how much you eat as it is what. You may need somekind of a tonic to build up your physique. Or you mayneed special things that will be more vitalising than the ordinary food healthy people eat. Don't you think Tortou might be able to tell you? Naturally, if you are so weak you have no resistance, hence your wound cannot heal quickly. All this must be taken in consideration. One more important matter, massage. I understand it is of the greatest assistance in prostate cases, after operations and during convalescence. Tortou ought to be consulted on that and if he thinks well of it he may even know a well trained masseur or massage. I wish my dear you'd think this over and not rely on nature. Nature is alright if one is not so run down as you are.

Fitzi could not have written you of the gathering at the time of her letter. The affair took place much later. She wrote me about it under date of March 25th. And I also had a letter from Kapp under date of April 22nd wherein he explained that a new edition of your Memoirs would be of great value because "the unions are now in the hands of young people who hardly know much about Berkman". Kapp seems set on doing a double job make your work known among the new generation and at the same time raise the fund the gathering had decided upon. I think this splendid of him. By the way, he also wrote in this letter that hundred dollar

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were on the way to you. That was the money received while you were in the hospital,I think early in May. Naturally the hundred you received a week ago must be from the new fund. I am not sure whether it was Harry K, or Minna who wrote me that Kapp intended t to see to it that hundred dollars a month are sent you. I cannot now go over my letter file. Anyhow he is determined to do his best. I see by Fitzis letter that when she wrote you she did not know you were in the hospital. She was lamenting that she was too poor to be able to be of help and comfort. The poor dear has a des perate struggle. She was hoping to get a job in the F W.A. Association that Hopkins is directing.I have no idea whether she succeeded.By the way, Henry had an important position under Hopkins. He never writes. So I do not know if he still has it.

Yes, dear I am very sorry young Henry Smith and his friend could not get here. You see my dear in my work in England I need comrades who are willing to be of help. I reached two or ganizations through young Smith and I know he will try to do his best toget me a hearing. I was ~~being~~ hoping that he will come because the personal contact while not always satisfactory,is often more so than a common theory. Besides, we have so few wide awake and energetic comrades in England that young people like Smith seem too valuable to pass over. I am sorry therefore he failed to come. But that cannot be helped.

This will only go tomorrow.But I got so worn out from scrubbing and cleaning I had to lay off to day. Its my old trouble,my legs. They hurt as if thousand screws were pulling them. Not even daily baths do any good. So to be off my legs I took to my correspondence. Believe it or not I wrote one letter of 12 pages to a young I.W.W. chap who has very strong Anarchist leanings

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I told you about his letter and the resentment of the I.W.W to Rudolf being on the I.A.A. It seems some kind of a mix up. I wrote Sania to let me know why the I.A.A or whatever there is l left of it neglected to reply to the I.W.W. when they expressed willingness to affiliate with the I.A.A. Anyhow,young Ben Taylor is a very fine worker and organizer and most intellegent.So I had to write him a whole megille.Perhaps if I could write books as easily as I do letters I might really write the book this summer. But what good would it do when so few read what I write?

In another few days I will have the house in order. I wish I could say the same for the garden. I worked about an hour weeding out. I saw stars all night with the pain in my back and legs. I fear I am beyond making a good gardner. Aaries husband is working elsewhere,so he too can do nothing for the present. Well, there is not much lost.There will be very little grapes any how. The incessant rains all winter has ~~ruined~~ ruined this years harvest.

It is after six and I am a bit tired,So I will close. I wish with all my heart you may soon feel stronger and that E may react to the new stuff d'Eck has sent her.

Affectionately. Emma

I meant to let you read Minnes letter. But I packed it away & came it Han & I have written Sen & Minnie.

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Good morning June 12 36
my dear. I hope you
had a good night and that
you feel refreshed & a bit strong
What do you? Here glad sea has
never wetten to the hand drum
It is outrageous. It makes
one feel responsible to these
people. Well I have to myself
that I have sent you all
my energy in yellow
Bon voyage. I must know
what he has to say
his piece & what he says
for it. I will get the name from
till him what I have to
a clean jar for the sand with him
after. Emma

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St. Tropez Var June 11th 1936.

Dear Ben,

Your letter of April 28th took a month to reach me. It had to be forwarded from place to place and finally got to Nice weeks delayed. I had to rush back from England much sooner than I had planned to take care of my old chum Alexander Berkman who had undergone two operations. I remained in Nice two months until I could take him out of the hospital and leave him with his young companion who can and does take excellent care of him. But we spent anxious months to see A.B. out of danger. He is still far from recovered, but we are hoping he will soon have his old vigour and health again.

My dear, of course I do not take your arguments in any personal sense. I know you are keenly interested in the ideas I represent, that you want to know and learn. That is so much more than can be said for many others. So you need never hesitate to write me your thoughts, and your objections. Indeed I should not care to continue our correspondence if I thought you do not feel free to express whatev disagreement you feel with regard to anything I have to say.

Or that I could not feel free to argue our points with you.

So fire ahead , my dear.

Your letter was among the most interesting I have received from you.

What I like about it most is your frankness in telling me of your various changes. It is the best sign that you are capable of growth. And what is even more to the point, that you can be critical of yourself. So few can be, that , yet there is no inner developement and growth unless one can be rigidly honest with oneself.

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You are only too right when you say that it is impossible to expect beautiful traits in human nature under our damnable system.

Once we have come to realize this we also learn to understand human frailties in ourselves and in others. That in return should help us to get rid of our own narrow attitude to life, the attitude of "the better than those" which is the characteristic of every bigot whether theological or social. I do think, however that it is a mistake to think human nature is static and will remain so until the Social Revolution has performed the miracle. In the light of modern biology, psychology and sociology we have come to see better than before that human nature is very fluid and yeilds to new factors even under the present system. I even go further: I insist that we are only now making the first feeble steps in getting at human nature and all its complexities still hardly perceived by the naked eye, for myself I can say that I discover ever so few often traits in human beings I never thought were in them. This applies to the disagreeable parts as well as many fine traits. That is why I never give up my faith in human possibilities. And not only individual qualities, but also in the mass.

Since the advent of dictatorship I have been bitterly disappointed in the masses. No matter what excuses and explanations one may offer the fact remains that the masses everywhere have proven putty in the hands of the modern dictators. The Russian masses who had risen to such glorious heights in the Revolution have proven putty just as pliable as the Italian proletariat with a revolutionary tradition of a century. The German workers with their large syndicalist organization who went over without the

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least fight to Hitler, not to mention the six million Communists and the large Socialistic bodies. All this dampened my belief, not so much in the heroic revolutionary capacity of the workers to rise in revolution, but to maintain their revolutionary acheivements.

But the wonderful display of solidarity of the French workers in the present strike on the job. This idea originated in France long ago, before I entered into revolutionary ranks. But it is inspiring to see the workers in France at last carry out the ideas first introduced by French Anarchists along with the idea of the General Strike. To be just, I have to point out that the first to strike on the job in recent times were the Hungarian miners.

They were followed last year by some of the miners in South Wales.

Incidentally, Liberal England sent 58 of the Welsh miners to prison for considerable terms because of their participation in the strike last year when the miners remained underground. But it does not matter who started the ball rolling. The fact remains that the present stand of the French workers is magnificent. It has put the fear of God into the hearts of the bourgeoisie. And it has re-awakened my faith in the organized efforts of the masses.

My only regret is that I have no chance in this country to be a part of the struggle. You bet I would leave St. Tropez for Paris at once.

Speaking of the idea of strikes on the job. It will interest you to know that we Anarchists in America were the first to propogate this before the I.W.W. came to the fore. Alas, so far the workers in America have not yet put this idea into action.

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All credit to the I.W.W. for the splendid strikes they have organised and led. But, it was not the strike on the job, remaining in the factories and mines as the workers have done in Paris and many of the provinces. Perhaps this magnificent example will fire the imagination and courage of the conscious masses in the States.

There is nothing like a powerful example. It strikes much deeper than theories. I am hoping now that the masses in America may follow suit. Though I am certain the U.S. Government will not meet such a situation with the same magnanimity as the French.

The American bourgeoisie would no doubt immediately use machine guns and gas bombs to drive the strikers out of the factories.

No doubt the French bourgeoisie would like to do the same . But the Blum Ministry is too young in office to dare such a thing. However the beginning is made here. And I am sure the masses in America will make the same showing no matter how brutal the opposition.

Now that I have confessed as having lost heart in re the masses I still hold to my old idea that it will always be the individual who strikes the first blow and who rushes ahead often to his own destruction to blazen the trail. That is why I consider Anarchism superior to any other social theory, It never loses sight of the importance of the individual in the social struggle.

To come back to your letter in re the larger view in the ranks of the young I.W.W. I am delighted to hear that. I can readily believe that the older adherents have learned nothing and forgotten nothing. Most people are guilty of such stagnation unless they have retained a young spirit. But mainly of course it is gratifying that the present generation has learned from the mistakes

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of their elders. Yes, I know that the I.W.W. has been trying to "stage a comeback" They have been tring to do that since I was back inthe States in Feb. 1934. But, I do not know how far they succeeded. The Nation is so pro Soviet and Communist, if it has anything on Left wing Labour it never mentions it a s being I.W.W.

Unfortunately VANGUARD comes out irregular, so I really lack information about the doings of the I.W.W. I was therefore glad to get your account. By the wat, what papaer, or papers, is the I.W.W. publishing now? I'D like to subscribe to one of them, the most representative. Perhaps you will please have it sent me and I will remit the subscription. I do want to know what the young generation in the I.W.W. is doing.

What you say about Rudolf Rockers attitude to the I.W.W. is the greatest surprise to me. It is true that he was critical as I was to the element of centralisation in the I.W.W. ranks. But at no time have I heard him , or read anything of Rudolf Rockers writings against the I.W.W. that anyone in his senses should have construed as condemnation. But even if he had actually condemned some of the I.W.W., to consider it a calamity for Rocker to be on the Secretariat of the Working Mens International Association would still not be justifiable. Not unless they are blind fanatics who consider the least deviation from their ideas as les majesté.

Rocker is the best informed and ablest man in the revolutionary movement. He has consecrated all his life since the age of 15 to the emancipation of the masses. He is known as an idealist and sincere rebel in all of Europe and especially in the Latin countries.

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The C.N.T. in Spain idolizes him because of his sterling quality, it was because of their faith in him that they so strongly favoured Rocker on the I.W.M.A. They knew asI do that apart from all other qualities which fit him for the post, he has an understanding and a tolerance rare in the revolutionary labour movement. That alone would prevent R.R. from any narrow sectarian judgment of the I.W.W. I fail to understand, therefore, how you or any of the boys in the I.W.W. can take such an attitude to my old and splendid comrade. But aside of all other considerations your condemnation of R. is wrong because he has been in America nearly two years, and during this time has certainly not directed the policy or tactics of the I.W.M.A. Not that he had ever directed its doings. Fact is, R. never was the type to impose himself upon a group or organisation. He is very determined in his views and will hold on to them against any opposition. But he is simply too broad and too understanding to force his personality on others. Anyhow, you and your comrades are entirely wrong about Rocker. However, I will write A.Chapiro who is closely connected with the I.W.M.A. to let me know what it is all about. By the way, Dorothy had written me about the misunderstanding which she said had been straightened out since the Libertarian group had got in direct touch with the Secretary of the I.W.M.A.

I am overjoyed to know that you have "not neglected the Anarchist tinge of my ideal". Beleive me dear comrade, you will come to realize since you are so capable of growth, that what you call "the anarchist tinge" is the very essence of the struggle which is to usher in a sane social order. All other efforts as have been demonstrated in Russia are merely chaining the masters, and leaving

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the workers slaves than ever. So I hope that you will never lose sight of"the Anarchist tinge" of your ideas. Is expecting the impossible to say that perhaps Anarchism will become more in your life than a "tinge." Meanwhile I am very glad indeed that you were instrumantal in getting our literature to your fellow worker. I was very interested in your account of that news)paper man and the effect on him of his Anarchist readings and that of R. I hope he will go on developing. Men like him can be of great value in our ranks.

I was not in the least surprised that the general run of news-paper boy did not respond to his effort to arganize a News-paper Guild. Most of the men in the profession are either corrupt to the bones or so cynical they have no faith in anybody or anything.

The explanatio n for that was given me by Duranty who is Moscow's man on the New York Times. He used to come to St. Tropez because his French wife had a small house here. He was always very apologetic when he met me . You see his account of Pursia to me was somewhat different than when he wrote in his articles. So I asked him once how he could do such a thing. "Well" he said, " a news-paper man must not have his own opinion". There you have it in a nutshell.

Most of the reporter class has been repeating the opinions of their masters, they have forgotten how to think for themselves, or express an independent thought.

This cannot be said about Ann Louise Strong. There was a time when she did express independent ideas. In a way she was a voice in a wilderness among her colleagues. But Russia has turned her into a mere parrot. Especially her Russian Communist husband. Many women take on the colour of their husbands. Now, Ann Louise like Duranty knew better.

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They know reality in Russia. But it has become a fad for the intellegensia to swear by the Soviet government. To approve, justify and explain everything they fight in their own respective countries. Ann Louise Strong is by no means alone. I know scores of them in every country. Their stand cannot even be classed as mental prostitution because most of them do not lie for the sake of lucre, though it is true that the Duranty's and the Strongs do get more out of Russia than they could possibility get in their own country. Duranty told me himself that he has a fine apartment, two servants and an auto at his disposal. So why need he care how the workers live, and how they are being exploited for the glory of the Socialist Soviet Government. No, it is not so much mental prostitution as it is the worship of success. And the lack of courage to stand out against anything that is a success. Russia has become respectable, is being recognized by the large powers. It is easy to swear by it now for the kind of gentry a la Ann Louise Strong and the others. All these people kept mum when Russia was still revolutionary and Berkman and I went to prison for its defence.

Now Stalin urges France to arm, and Litvinoff marches in the funeral procession of the British King alongside with one of the Romonovs all dressed up in Tsarist regalia. Now Stalin enacts laws against easy divorce, and in favour of large families. In other words Russia has grown respectable. Why should not the British, French and American intelligensia hang on to it? It were to weep if it would not be such a farce.

And so Moscow granted Ann Louise Strong a longer stay. That is the line with the other Jesuitic shrewdness. Stalin does not

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need her in Russia. He nedds her in America where she can do first rate propoganda for him and his regime. Moscow still cannot feed the workers. But it still has unlimited means for propoganda. And what more devout servant than A.A.S. can he find?

Yes, itis a farce. One could hardly bear it were it not for the fact that the Russian massess will yet be heard from. For, the Revolution is not Stalin or the Soviet Government. It has struck deep into the minds and hearts of the masses, and it is sure to make itself heard in the not too distant future. And the first thing the workers will prove is that it is alie that they will do nothing except for money. The very fact that they have endured the parasitic gang so long is proof positive that they are permeated by the spirit of the Revolution whish gives them strength to go on.

That "Living my Life" impresses woman more than man is a great surprise to me. If any proof were lacking that you were wrong the fact that my autobiography was reviewed most favourably and sympathetically by men should do away with your impression.

In point of truth the most enthusiastic tributes I have received were from men, a whole stack of them. Only one woman, Freda Kerchway of the Nation among women was deeply understanding.

The rest though not adverse certainly did not substantiate your contention. No, my dear comrade, not only women but men as well have been impressed by "Living my Life".

Naturally, Prison Memoirs impress men because of the heroic struggle A.B. made in prison and because of his great narrative gift. Psychologically speaking it is a greater work than mine

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also in its human aspect which comes nowhere to the fore so much as in the Calvary of prison.

About monogamy, my dear, that depends on temperamentand sexual needs, one cannot generalize in that since no two men or women are alike in their emotional reactions. I am concerned only in the freedom of choice and expression. There are so many motivations in human and sexual relations that it had always seemed ridiculous to set up any rule. No doubt in a free society, with the material element eliminated that brings men and women together to-day, and the freedom to seek fulfilment with the man or woman one loves, monogamy, temporary, and in some cases for life may become the rule. It is not and cannot be to-day. And as I already stated, it must always depend on how intensely one is sexed.

The many tragedies in the world, and the ever increasing number of divorces disproves your notion that the middle class woman has any assurance in wedlock. If they stay put it is because of children whom they cannot themselves support. That however does not stop them from clandestine sex gratification. Yes, there are some who remain "faithful" in body though not so much in thought. Or women who are indifferent to sex. And lastly women who have no aim in life, hence put up with much in their marriage rather than be thrown on the waste heap, and end lonely and forsaken.

I do not believe that middle aged women close their sexual attraction or "usefulness" as you call it. That is only one of the many prejudices in regard to women of the many. I know scores of women who are wonderfully youthful, vivacious and interesting who are past middle age. It is only the idiotic discrimination society

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makes between the man and woman of the same age. Thus any man no matter how descrepit can and does attract young girls. Why should it not be the same in the case of the woman? In point of fact it is. I could give you some examples of men of 35 having fallen in love with women of sixty. Why not? if the women are attractive, have a young spirit, have a fine and alert mind and are emotionally strong. It is this which makes relationship between two people where the woman is older so difficult and often very tragic.

Not because of their reaction to one another. I visualize the possibility of beautiful comradeship and love between an older woman and a younger man under freedom. Such a relationship to my mind is doubly wonderful, or can be made to be because of the greater experience of the woman and the deeper wisdom as well as lover, mother and friend. To-day the outside world will not forgive such beauty and harmony. It will drag it through the mire and make both the man and the woman so conscious of their different ages it must needs end in misery and unhappiness.

I am ashamed to say I have not read Jay Nocks "Our Enemy the State". I simply cannot afford to buy books and unless publishers send me their publications, as some American houses do I have to forego the need and pleasure of reading such things. It is the same about Briffault. I have only read some of his contributions to various anthologies, mainly on sex and woman. But I have not been able to get his larger works. I have written for it last year, but it was not sent me. I too like his style.

I agree with you, Toronto is a grave-yard. Still you will be

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able to put some life into it once you make up your mind. After all you will have the I.W.W. organization to back you up. So it will not be as in my case, doing free lance work with hardly any backing. So unless the transfer will mean losing friends or broken ties you should not regret the change. A change is always preferable to staying put. It keeps one from becoming rusticated.

I am here until the end of September I will then go back to England to try once more to rouse the British. I cannot say I am very sanguine about results. The last five months there were most difficult. But I can do nothing in France without the risk of being kicked out within 24 hours. And I would fare the same way in other European countries. So England must be tried again and again. Rather that than mental stagnation in retirement and inactivity. I could not face that.

Well, you wont be able to say that I was stingy in my reply to your letter. I may not have gone into every point, but I do think I have done fairly well considering the length of the letter.

I really must close now. I have so many other letters to write and a much neglected house and garden I had left with a woman I knew to be put in order.

I am always glad to hear from you dear comrade, I have sent a copy of a letter I wrote to a group of comrades in Spain in re the question of Anarchist participation in elections to Dorothy.

She will give it to you to read when you return to Toronto, or maybe she has sent it to you already.

Fraternally,

Remember me kindly to that news-paper couple and tell them I

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hope they will prove the exeption to the rule about their colleagues being the exeption.

Also fraternal greetings to all the I.W.W. boys.

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Paris June II, I936.

Dearest Emma,

This morning came the enclosed note from Meta Kraus - Fessel.

Now, there is no doubt any more about the arrest of Zenzl! Please do what you can: write the letter you suggested to the NATION, the Monchester Guardian, to Roger Boldwin, the VANGUARD, the F.A.S. and to whomever you think itcould be of any good, for we ought to her! How blindly she believed in them and in their revolutionary integrity! Poor fool, they used her up and exploited Erich's good revolutionary name to the utmost. Now they have enough of her and want to rid themselves of their guest of honor..... What an irany of fate! How do you say? "It were laughable if it were not tragic" !

I will ask Souchy he should immediately attend to Spain. Sanya will attend to the Presse - Dienst etc.

Thanks for Voltairine's works. The book also came this morning. I promise to take good care of it.

Yes, dearest, it took Sébastian several months until he was really well. Let us hope that Sasha will recuperate much sooner. After all, he is much younger than Sébast was -even at that time.

Well, to day, Paris LOOKS VERY SERIOUS. ALL THE BUTCHER SHOPS ARE CLOSED. MANY ARTICLES ARE NOT TO BE GOTTEN. THE PEOPLE ARE GETTING UNEASY. THE STREETS ARE FULL OF POLICE AND GUARD MOBIL. This is something one hasn't seen until today. I wonder what's up? I saw some of the strikers. They are terribly tired. I2 days on dry food and sleeples nights certainly show their effects. But they are game, and every day brings countless other strikes!

About the typing of your notes. Will "Mujeres Libres" be able to pay? Well, the typing of one or two articles cannot be very expensive. In this case, I am sure that Mercedes will be glad to return the sum. She couldn't do it if it were much, because they are a small Group with almost no means but the WILL TO DO.

I like their periodical very much. It makes a good impression, and a comrades to whom I gave it to read told me that it is very interesting and well done. That's fine, isn't it? My feminist heart is just melting for joy.

M.DAY, has an exhibition (this week) in Paris of "The Anarchist Press". He hasn't got one tenth of it, this he admits himself. But what he has, looks so poor (with the exception of a few) b a d l y done. Such ugly covers, especially the spanish journals have such terribly horrid cartoons! Some of their ideas are very good, but the drawings and colors are bad. That's why I am happy to see such fine taste as the comrades of MUJERES LIBRES show.

Hope you are not lonsome. Lots of love to you! Mollie

Love to Sasha from Sanya & Mollie

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St Tropez June 11th 36.

While I want to hear from you and all about you and Emmy I do not want you to write at length when it futigues you. You have the great gift of saying much in a few lines.So until you feel much better just write postcards. It will do to make me feel that I am not entirely cut off.

That was wonderful news about your extention. Verily mir,acles happen. I wonder how that came about? But what does it matter as long as it is really true. I almost fear to believe it until the papers will be in your possession. That you must let me know by phone.It will be too grand to wait for a letter.

I quite agree with you that it is unnecessary to write tye Forwards people now. But I would suggest this; Cahan or Vladek are sure to come to Europe this summer,maybe even soon to see the grand advent of Bloom and the Socialists. Perhaps it would be worth writing Cahan if he does come over to see Bloom personally and put your case before him. Or Vladek.What do you think? It is true that expu.sions in France hang on for a long time.But after all it is an event in France for a Socialist ~~xxxx xxxxxxxxx~~ govern,ent to get to power. Noe while you and I know that Social ists in power have often been worse than Luberals,it is also true and most exceptional that a Socialist government should take such a staud id a strike of the present nature ,actually ~~xxxx~~ the taking possession of the fawtories and holding them for two weeks. It is remaroable that the Bloom Ministry holds out against the use of oorganized force which the rotten bourgeoisie is only too willing ~~xxx~~ should be used. This seems a new departue So why ~~xxxxxx~~ may it not also be that the ~~xx~~ Bloom Minsitry

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will show a new attitude to some of the hoary laws in re expulsion and political rights of refugeese? It s worth trying. Don't you think? But you are right that it should not be by letter. A personal talk with Bloom by Cahan or Vladek would have an effect. Yes, I know it depends on the Minister of Interior and his secretary. But since Solangro is an appointee of Bloom it is Bloom whose word will carry weight. I think the matter ought to be tried not only for your sake but also for other prolliticals so easily expelled from France. Anyhow think it over and if if agree write Cahan and Vladek to lets you know when they are coming over and how they can be reached. That you want to communicate with them in a matter of importance to you.

I am terribly sorry that Emmy feels rotten again My dear, of course yo u cannot leave her alone not only if she has to have an operation. But even if you were able to make the trip here I should not expect you to do it with Emmy in pain. Far from that I would if you and E. will want me to be present at an operation and take care of her and you loc k the house and come back to Nice. I hardly need to assure you that dear Bash. I still hope she will not have to go under the knife. But if everything else fails and she must submit to it I will be at your and her disposal. Fact is dear I left Nice because there was nothing I could do to help your recovery. And going back and forth to Venice were me out esides it was a large expense. But never hesitate to call me if you or Emmy will need me. Nothing matters so much to me as that. No of course, you will not be able to travel when Michael comes. I said so in my letter that I did not dare hope you would already be strong enough. Anyhow dear its your health

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I am concerned about not my comfort or pleasure of having you. That too needs no assurance I hope.

Dear Sash I do not want to drive you in re seeing Tortou. But you surely realize that what he said when you were one of many patients in the hospital and what he might say to you as a private patient are twi different matters. Take your extreme weakness though as you say you eat a lot. It is not how much you eat as it is what. You may need somekind of a tonic to build up your physique. Or you mayneed special things that will be more vitalizing than the ordinary food healthy people eat. Don't you think Tortou might be able to tell you? Naturally if you are so weak you have no resistance, hence your wound cannot heal quickly. All this must be taken in consideration. One more important matter massage. I understand it is of the greatest assistance in prostate cases, after operations and during convalescence. Tortou ought to be consulted on that and if he thinks well of it he may even know a well trained masseur or masseuge. I wish my dear you'd think this over and not rely on nature. Nature is alright if one is not so run down as you are.

Fitzi could not have written you of the gathering at the time of her letter. The affair took place much later. She wrote me about it under date of March 25th. And I also had a letter from Kapp under date of April 22nd wherein he edplained that a new edition of your Memoirs would be of great value because "the unions are now in the hands of young people who hardly know much about Berkman". Kapp seems set on doing a double job make your work known among the now generation and at the same time raise the fund the gathering had decided upon. I think this splendid of him. By the way he also wrote in this letter that hundred dollar

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were on the way to you. That was the money recievd while you were in the hospital, I think early in May. Naturally the hundred you received a week ago must be from the new fund. I am not sure whether it was Harry K or Minna who wrote me that Kapp intended t to see to it that hundred dollars a month are sent you. I cannot now go over my letter file. Anyhow he is determined to do his best. I see by Fitzis letter that when she wrote you she did not know your were in the hospital. She was lamenting that she was too poor to be able to be of help and comfort. The poor dear has a des perate struggle. She was hoping to get a job in the F W.A. Association that Hopkins is directing. I have no ides whether she succeeded. By the way Henry had an importan position under Hopkins. He never writes. So I do not know if he still has it.

Yes, dear I am very sorry young Henry Smith and his friend could not get here. You see my dear in my work in England I need comrades who are willing to be of help. I reached two or ganizations through young Smith and I know he will try to do his best toget me a hearing. I was hoing that he will come because the personal contact while not always satisfactory, is often more so than a common theory. Besides, we have so few wide awake and energetic comrades in England that young people like Smoth seem too valuable to pass over. I am sorry therefore he failed to come. But that cannot be helped.

This will only go tomorrow. But I got so wonr out from scrubbing and cleaning I had to lay off to day. Its my old trouble, my legs. They hurt as if thousand screws were pulling them. Not even daily baths do any good. So to be off my legs I took to my correspondence. Believe it or not I wrote one letter of 12 pages to a young I.W.W. chap who has very strong Anarchist leanings

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I told you about his letter and the resentment of the I.W.W to Rudolf being on the I.A.A. It seems some kind of a mix up. I wrote Sania to let me know why the I.A.A or whatever there is l left of it neglected to reply to the I.W.W. when they expressed willingness to affiliate with the I.A.A. Anyhow, young Ben Taylor is a very fine worker and organizer and most intellegent. So I had to write him a whole megille. Perhaps if I could write books as easily as I do letters I might really write the book this summer. But what good would it do when so few read what I write?

In another few days I will have the house in order. I wish I could say the same for the garden. I worked about an hour weeding out. I saw stars all night with the pain in my back and legs. I fear I am beyond making a good gardner. Aries husband is working elsewhere, so he too can do nothing for the present. Well, there is not much lost. There will be very little grapes any how. The incessant rains all winter has ~~xxxxxx~~ ruined this years harvest.

It is after six and I am a bit tired. So I will close. I wish with all my heart you may soon feel stringer and that E may react to the new stuff d'Eck has sent her.

Affectionately.

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11 June, 1936.

Dear Miss Goldman,

Thank you for your letter of June 8th. I am sorry that the response to your circulars in "Drama" has been so poor. I would have, of course, sent on immediately any letters which came here for you.

The Co-operative Groups in London are discussing the possibility of holding a week-end School in October, and we are suggesting that a lecture by you should be included in the Syllabus. We will let you know in due course what is decided.

The County Committees about which I spoke to you, may be arranging lectures during the winter, and I will remember to recommend you when an opportunity arises.

There will be an Autumn Conference of the League during the week-end of October 23rd in Liverpool. If you could possibly be present, I think it would be an opportunity for you to meet some of the members of the League, and some bookings might be the result, though it is difficult to give any definite opinion. We usually have about 140 delegates at these conferences, but whether it would be worth your time and expense, it is difficult for me to say.

It might be worth your while to send particulars of your lectures to the International Pax Players Association. The Secretary is:- Mrs. E.E. Horner, 48, Arlington St., Islington, N.1. If any other idea occurs to me, I will let you know.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Frances Briggs.

Miss Emma Goldman.

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Dear Madam,

Your letter of 15th. ult., has receive the consideration of the Committee of the Society. We are however unable to make any arrangements in connection with your lecture tour through England at the present time. Perhaps on some future occasion we may have the pleasure of a visit from you to this Theatre and we will bear your Name in mind should the occasion present itself.

Yours truly,

General Secretary.

Miss. Emma Goldman,
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June 12. 1936

Dear Sash. I received your letter with the questionaire. I will answer it in full tomorrow. I too received a letter from Michael. Not only does he not want to be met, he also does not want rooms reserved. After he and his family have visited with you, direct them how to get here.I will meet their bus. I am writing him a note to the Savoie at Villefranche.But you can tell him that I can put up the three ,or get a room for them at the Sandtrhas.

The inclosed from Mollie will show once more what rotters and unmitigated liars the Moscow bunch is. Zensl is arrested after all,and the same lie told as in the case of Spir donova who they said was recuperating in a sanatorium. Zensls supp osedly was on tour. Anyhow you have the oritginal letters Meta Krauss Nessel sent and her recent letter, Of course we have to get busy on the case. Can you translate the typewritten letter Meta got and wrote Mollie. Do it in pensil dear.I will type it. I want to send a copy to Roger Baldwin, to the Nation, to the New York Evening Post and to the Manshester Guardina with a letter of my own. Please do it as soon as your condition permits . Zensl was certainly a fool to trust the damned unscrupulous gang and go to Russia.Still that is no reason to let her perish in the Cheka. As to writing Fisher, ridiculous. He is Moscows man and he will lie as they do.

I also inclose a letter I had from Holtz. He sent fifty dollars which I gave Emmy. Tomorrow I will give you a full acount of what I have receicedmhave spent and still owe you.

I left the questionaire of the Spanish comrades either on the hook which stands on your desk,or in the Pamka which Emmy had for you. I did not take it with me. Inclosed is the letter I wrote Carbo. I have only this copy so please send it back.

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Also Molbies letter and the German stuff. Inclosed is my reply to Carbo. Also a copy of a letter I received from JohnCowper Powys. he is very nice ins't he?

Everthing else tomorrow.

Affectionately Emma

Stellas letter is heart breaking. Moe still kept on mowrphine and my unfortunate sister-in-law sitting in the next room in the hospital waiting for the end. Why cannot Moe be given a final sleeping powder? It it cruel to drag on and on whenthere is no hope of recovery. I need not tell you how I feel about Moe. Stella has developed a bad arm-neuritis, they say. The Dr told her she has unusually low blood ~~xxxx~~ pressure, and that her circul lation is poor. They again want to monkey with her lovely teeth. Stella does all the heavy work herself which must increase her pain in the arm. To cap the climax of woe about my family is Ruths condition. They finally discharged her from the psychatric hospital as beeing better. But Stella writes she takes no inter est in anything, not her child even, or the tragedy about Moe whom she used to love so much. All this does not add to the peace of my mind, nor to the joy of Bon Esprit. But I suppose one overcomes everything.

Goodby dear, I have to get ready to go to the village to poste some letters and get a few things for the house. I ought to lose much fat, I live on vegetables and have been working like a torjan. But some people are destined to be fat. So there is no help for me.

Affectionately

C G

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Lieber.....

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Vielen Dank für Deine Karte, die für uns wegen der Mitteilungen aus Paris sehr interessant war. Leider muss ich Dir aber sagen, was ich jetzt etwas deutlicher kann, dass die Tour, auf der Zenzl angeblich sein soll, eine Lüge ist, die umso schlimmer ist, wenn sie von der berüchten Stassowa noch nach dem 24.IV. verbreitet wird. Denn eben dieselbe Stassowa (Vorsitzende der Internationalen Roten Hilfe, "Sopr" Moskau) hat nach der Verhaftung von Zenzl diese zugeben müssen und gesagt, dass man zunächst leider nichts machen könne und abwarten muss. Es wird da ein ganz trauriges Spiel gespielt und es ist auch ganz hoffnungslos, gerade durch solche Leute und ihren Anhang helfen zu können.

"Zunächst" sitzt sie also noch und trotz der sehr vielen Freunde wird wohl niemand drüben wagen etwas zu unternehmen, denn dort zittert alles vor dem gleichen Schicksal, deshalb bleibt nur die Veröffentlichung im Ausland.

.....Du siehst wie alle diese Fälle totgeschwiegen werden (es gibt X andere Fälle) und wie schwer es ist, et was zu tun.....

9.VI.36.

Liebe M.

Du siehst aus der Anlage, dass alles Schwindel war mit den Auskünften über Zenzl und ich sende Dir die Abschrift des an mich gerichteten Briefes, damit Ihr ihn weiter geben könnt. Auch ich werde tun was ich Kann . Werde an L.Fischer von der "Nation" schreiben. Er soll einen fabelhaften Nachruf auf Erich gehabt haben in seinem Blatt. Besser ist es aber Emma setzt sich mit ihm in Verbindung denn mich kennt er ja gar nicht.

Was sagt Ihr nun dazu??! Ja, so musste es kommen. Wenn Erich alles wüsste!

M.K.F.

Received this Today. June 11. 1
Told Me that you will write to
„nation" Manchester etc.

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(C O P Y)

Literal translation from the original German letter.

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Dear.....

Many thanks for your postal which proved most interesting to us because of the information it contained from Paris. I regret to tell you, however, (which I can now do more definitely) that the lecture tour allegedly undertaken recently by Zenzl is a lie. The worst of it is that it is being spread by the famous Stassowa, and she has been doing it even as late as the 24/IV. For it was the same Stassova (Chairman of the International Rote Hilfe -- MOPR, Moscow) who after the arrest of Zenzl had admitted the fact and said that nothing could be done then in the matter and advised us to bide our time. It is evident that it is a case of foul play and it is entirely hopeless to expect such people and their clique to help in the matter.

"For the present" Zenzl is still in prison, and none of her many friends "there" will dare to take any steps on her behalf. For everyone there lives in constant fear of a similar fate, and therefore nothing remains except making the case known abroad.

..... You see how other similar cases are kept secret (there are only too many of them) and how difficult it is to do anything about it.....

9.VI.36.

Dear M.

You can see by the enclosed that all the "information" about Zenzl was pure fake, and I am sending youna copy of a letter I received, so that you can give the matter publicity. I will also do all I can. I will write to L.Fischer of the "Nation". I have been told that he wrote a very fine article about Erich in that paper. But it would be better if Emma would get in touch with him, because I am a total stranger to him.

What do you think of such things? It had to come that way..... If Erich knew about it....

M.K.F.

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Chicago Ill 32 N. State St.1936

Dearest Mommy.

June, the Roses and Mommy Birthday. Congratulations , happy Birthday to you.
I always remember your first Birth-day with me in 1908.
Twenty eight longd years ago.
And before that and since that" God what things are there we hav'nt done.
And delightful to say"* our living things are not over***
Last week you were close to me-- while in N.Y.
I passed our old office on 28th. St and Thought of Matt.
And our last office on 125th. St and Thought of Jeans C.
The old Harlem Masonic Temple was full of memories.
You and I distributed Birth Control Literature there and went to jail for it.
Now on the cornor Drug Store you buy Birth Control drugs openly.

Theodore Schroeder and Bolton Hall dined with me at The Breslin a week ago.
We talked lovingly of you.. I asked Hall who he was going to leave his money to.
And He said 3/4 will go to his Daughter and her childern.
I asked him why he was'nt going to leave any money to the Radical movements.
And he said" money always hurts movements, I want to leave my money where it
does the least harm".. He is 83 and looks 150-- he make me weep.
Theodore Schroeder is only 72 and looks 40, is so so beautiful in deed and in spirit
We spend two days talking , seeing publishers and going over my autobiographical
Material, I think we will do a great book together?
I had dinner with Geo. Sylvester Viereck at his beautiful pent house on Riverside drive
As always he and Gretchen were charming to me. Altho he is a Nazi, I love him.
Saw Marie Robinson , Dr. Wm. J. [s wife and their Son Victor
She was most kind to me... God' there is a story the Tragedy of Wm. J. Robinson.
Was in the Village to the Out Door Art show and saw a few of the old friends
Saw Max Boedenheim, he was sober and look great, Also saw Romany Marie
The Anarchists were having a convention in Stelton and a Banquet in N. Y.
I wrote and asked them if I could join in .e nd the Turned me down.
All ofm the Anarchist in N. Y. and Chicago refuse me fellowship.

Harlem was a revelation to me , I stood in front of Public School # 170
At 118 St. and Lenox Ave and watched thousand of childern go in.
More that 9 out of every ten were some shade of black.
Lovely young childern all looks so well clothed and well fed and happy.
White women (mostly Jewish) mingle freely with colored.
Our hope for racial equality has been fully realized.
BEAUTY PARLORS MAKE ALL WOMEN EQUAL.
I tried to locate Fitzie but failed., I did not look up Stella.
Most of my time was spent with Publishers.
Macaulay is bringing out SISTERS OF THE ROAD as a Fall Publication
Vanguard Press continute to sell SECOND OLDEST PROFESSION
Dingwall Rock. are not doing so well with ourENCYCLOPAEDIA SEXUALIS(it is a greatbook
My Autobiography ON THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS has been asked for by several publishers.
Viereck want to work on some articles with me.
And Victor Robinson ruggest that I publish some of my letters)EX(not yours.)
Iwas wined and dined in New and had a great time.
Rose (who is leagally seperated from me) offered to take me to Europe.
The fare to New York is very cheap, I bought a round trip ticket to N. Y.
For $ 22.50 with meals both ways. The weather was fine in New York.
I spent some little time with The Sherdians who are pandhandlers and
They seem to be prospering, in fact dear I never saw our friends happier
Or more satisfied.. As you know most of the Radicals are Communists
I was very much encouraged by my trip to N. Y.
Jan Gay is still in South America, Dr. A. L. Goldwater who corresponds with her tells
Me ishe is flying for some air ship Country , visiting all the S. America Countries
And will return to America in a month.

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Every thing else is dolightful.
Brutus wil have his last examination next Monday
And after he peints the house will have a long and I hope happy vacation.
Mother is exception ally well and happy and had a new " finger wave".
Rajja our yellow dog had a bath and a new license.
Business is good enough, the sun shines on me.
I am hoing to go west very soon on my vacation.

Well' so much for me and mine* what about you and Berkman and yours.
I hope he has completely recovered and you are both resting quitely in St. Tropez
After a half century of hard work you both merit a long happy rest.
I am hoping to be able to see you both and talk about life and love.
Altho my optomism amuses you I must say again. In ny.
Life is beautiful and my last visit there was a FULLFILLMENT.
That is very thing I want and hope for . very thing I worked for has been realized
BIRTH CONTROL,SOCIAL SECURITY,RACIAL EQUALITY, HOBOS HAVING STATUS? FOOD AND SHELTER
OR WORK. ** Please don't laugh,all Childern black and white fairly well
provided for. Old Age pension. FREEDOM .FREEDOM to be a Communists or a Father Devine
Freedom to speak, and to picket, every body who really wants one has an Auto
Policed convicted for beating agitators.
I was at Coney Island and saw Millions of happy New York playing and laughing
Yes this is a good world, America with its 12 millions of unemployed
is eating 3 meals a day, and has comfortable places to sleep
Billions more than for war is spent feeding and making the people happy.
I don't know how you feel about Russia, Germany, Italy and America
But I can tell you. I found it all good and you can write before I die
" He loved it all" and Hobo loved you** and he loved the glorious ten years
we spent together.. and I think we accomplished much.
Smile with me, The republic National convention is on Now in Cleveland
And Herbert Hoover made a beautiful Anarchist Speech. The Right of the
Individual-- limit the power of the State.. Which is the only argument
the Republicians can make against Roosevelt.
The Anarchists may deney me followship and you may think me anything
But I do feel that I am an Anarchists. and see the trend in America
away from Fascism and Dictatorship.. Yes Mommy we have not labored in vain.

Please don't remind me that Tom Mooney and Matt are in jail.
Tom Mooney has more power, the The British Prime Minister
Matt is living a happy useful life in Prison, the world that both of them
would buildis being built."Stone wall a prison do not make"
Was I not happy in The Long Island County Jail and In Warrensville.
I love this world so much,to urge all to have Childern, a New Reitman
Was born last week. Leah, My Brother Lew s youngest Daughter has a Son.
And I am still hoping that I shall be the Father of a Daughter to
Take Anna 's place.

I hope thi: find you and Berkman well

and cheerful

With Love

Hobo

Rudolf Rocker Copy

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Bettws-y-Coed Road.
Cardiff.
12th June 1936

Miss Emma Goldman.
c/o The American Express Coy.
2 Rue des Congres
Nice.

Dear Madam.

I am instructed by my committee to inform you that when making up next season's programme we will bear your suggestions in mind.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely
A. N. Dobson.
Hon Secretary.

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St Tropez June 13.36

Dear Emmy. I know that you are suffering,and that you have much to do in your place. Still,I am disappointed not to have a word from you since I came here. You see, I know how ehergetic you are that you have written letters evein in pain. So why do you treat me as your Stifkind? That is not at all nice of you my dear.

I have been thinking about you a great deal and the unfortunate thing that you are again in such misery. I had hoped fervently that the effect of d'Ecks medicine might last. I never believed it would bring a complete cure. But I clung to the hope that you would go on improving during the summer at least. I feel terribly sad that this is not the case. Perhaps the new stuff he sent you may bring temporary results. One goes on hoping all the time.

What I really want to write you about is this; you remember what I repeatedly told you about my sincere desire to come to you at any time if you will need me and want me. That holds good of course. It is so little friends can do for each other,especially in illness. To be near and relieve those we care about, or bring some comfort to them is the least one can do. I hope dear Emmy you do not doubt that I am most concerned in your health and that I would rush to your side without a moments hesit ation should you and Sasha want me to come. Bear that in mind my dear.

It is too bad that Sash improves so slowly. I have suggested that he should see Tortou. Sasha may need somekind of a tonic to build up his depleted viltality. I do hope he will not again be so stubbornabout seeing a doctor as he was in the past. Please tell me frankly how Sasha is doing. I know he is not going to write frankly about his condition. So wan't you do it?

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My dear you would have been shocked to see Bon Esprit. Every article had been moved from its place,covered with dust and dirt. Every pot, an sauce pan rusted, a number fo dishes broken. And as to the garden it was a wilderness. Not only did Ann Sedgwick have much work down in the garden the place was overgorwon with weeds. And what is more deplorable our grapes are urined because they had not been cut in time or sulfated. Of course, I can do nothing about the garden,my old back simply cannot stand being bent for long. And Maries husband works in aother place and can do nothing. Marie asked me if she might weed out the place. Fortunately she is of peasant stock and has a younger back. Besides she needs the money.So I am letting her do the weeding at least. Next week Marcel may have time to cut and sulfate the grapes. After all it no longer matters.Bon Esprit has lost its value to me. I hate disorder and drit so I have been at work every day since I came back to make it look as in the past. But I no longer care and I have sent an ad to England about its sale.

I have determined not to spend an extra sou on Bon Esprit. I did buy a potato mesher as yours,in Gallery Lafayette for which I paid 15 francs. It poured so on that day I could not go to uniprix . I will need an oilcoth for the kitchen table because the old one is burned and all full of cuts. If ever you a are at uniprix send me one.Not too expensive. It is not worth while. That will be all I will spend this summer.

Please write me dear Emmychen,tell me about Sasha and yourself.

Devotedly always.

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Paris June 13, 1936.

Dearest
beloved Emmotchka,

As you will see from the enclosed letter to Irma and Gaby, they asked us for the return of fifty pounds (!) which Gaby is supposed to have given me through you.

Unfortunately, I haven't got all your letters of that period. I lived in a very small room and had them in a package which got lost. But there is your letter addressed to Senya June 1927 where you say you are mailing a check of fifty dollars for Mollie on Sasha's address.

For some reason or other, I was all these years under the impression that Gaby let you have 50 dollars for me and I always thought of it with gratitude. You never gave me any details and I never asked for any.

On Wednesday evening (the 10th) Irma came in, and in a most indignant manner asked whether we aren't going to do something about it. We asked her in estanishment about what? She said Gaby told her that he spoke to Senya 10 days ago and S. promised him to pay them f i v e h u n d r e d francs a m o n t h. This isn't true! It was just her wish we should do it.....

I immediately asked Gaby to meet us as we want to clear up this thing. [redacted]

As I ~~m~~ said above, we have one of your letters addressed: Toronto June 14, 1927, to Senya where you say "I sent Mollie a registered letter about two weeks ago with an American check(Exp.) for fifty dollars and twenty dollars in cash. In another letter you say that Thomas Wright gave you 20 dollars for Mollie.

On June 18th 1927, that means when I received those fifty dollars I wrote to Gaby acknowledging his gift, without indicating sum.

Friday evening however, Gaby showed us your letter dated: Winnipeg February 22 1927, where you say:
" Thirty pounds will do for Mollie and that you will send 20 of those fifty pounds to Sasha, as you expected that 150 dollars will keep me going until about July.

Now dearest Emmotchka, will you kindly look up your check book and make sure of the sum I received that BELONGED TO THE SUM GABY LET YOU HAVE? [redacted] We will try our best to pay it out to them monthly.

Emma dear, don't take it to heart. I don't think it's so much Gaby's fault as Irma's. She has a sweedish nurse for the baby. Recently, they ~~m~~ put in several thousand frs. and fixed up a most beautiful place and there general expenses are far above the income they have. That is why she is trying to get money from wherever she thinks it possible. In her talk about money she was so rude and untruthful that I would never want a favor from her!

Lots of love to you from both
Mollie

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Paris June 13, 1936.

Dear friends Gaby and Irma,

This morning's call from Irma, asking not to write to E.G. was very strange. You don't seem to realise how very important it is for us to have this affaire thoroughly straightened out.

Why Irma, if some one would ask of you (in the manner you did of us) to return him a gift made to you many years ago and of which you were only partly aware, and if that gift amounts to a big sum which you haven't got, would you take it easy?

You came to us on Wednesday asking for f i f t y pounds which I was supposed to have received from Gaby through E.G. Money, which as you said; didn't even belong to Gaby BUT TO Y O U!!!

As I don't remeber having ever received such a sum from Gaby, maybe Emma sent me the money without indicating the source, it is natural I should write to E.G. and ask her to look up her check book and let me know exactly how much she sent me of the money that belonged to Gaby. Why not, it is always best to be frank about such things (as well as others) and if it were done in a fine way, the friendly relations among people would last longer and be better.

What you did the other evening no body in my life ever did to me. You reproached us of not keeping a promise (which was n e v e r made!) Of preaching but not practicing mutual aid, and in general, the sense of your talk was: we know ~~if~~ your are starving, we o w e you money and we don't do anything about it! Apperently you don't realise what a terrible blow this action of yours was to me, who sincerely believes in mutual aid and I think I practice it according to the best of my possibilities.
In your case, you two certainly had (and I dare say even have now) as much as Senya earns! True you often complained for the last three years, but even since the bankruptcy of your partner and the refusal of father's usual support, you lived better than we do and only recently moved to an expensive place. How do you expect us to know that you are bad off? You never came saying listen friends our situation is so & so, could you possibly help us as we helped you once? No, from Irma's words, it was eviden that you expected us (who cannot even efford a good specialist for my jaw trouble) to propose help to you!

Now, after this most unpleasant manner of telling us that you want your money back, we will find out exactly how muchit is, and will do our utmost to return you every cent of it even if we have to starve or make any kind of a secrifice.

You Gaby dear, said you only thought about your gift to me after I seemed to doubt your assertion in the money affaire: Gaby-Stamm. Well, I had the right to doubt because there were some contradictions every time the story was related.
And let me tell you my dear friends, you probably don't realise how much you both contradict yourselves.
The other evening, Irma came in saying : "Aren't you going to do something about it?" About what? we asked. " Why, about the fifty pounds that Gaby let Mollie have when she was studying!"
We both looked at her amazed. She continued : " Gaby told me he spoke to Senya 10 days ago about this matter and Senya promised him

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to pay out 500 (five hundred) francs a month!"
and then with tears in her eyes: " These fifty pounds were mine!
"At that time we lived on my money. I was the one who paid
" the bills/ at that time! "

Now this statement that the fifty pounds you let Emma have belonged to Irma, simply IS NOT TRUE. Because you Gaby explained that you let E.G. have some money long ago, that it was your own, and that you didn't even count on it any more. Suddenly there came a letter from E.G. from Canada, this must have been by January 1927, asking whether she could use the sum of fifty pounds for me. You answered yes, and E.G. acknowledged this answer in February 1927.

Well, as you and Irma got acquainted only at the very end of 1926 (after you have given the above mentioned sum to Emma) HOW COULD IT HAVE BEEN IRMA'S MONEY?!!!!!!

.....

Gaby and Irma, I am very sorry to write this letter, but your behaviour this time is so unfair and caused us so much pain, that I simply have to speak it out.
There is certainly a more dignified, more human and finer way of approaching people than the one in which you approached us.

With greetings and many thanks for the friendly attitude of years ago.

Yours for a world without money

M.S.

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St Tropez June 14th 36.

Dear Sasha. My first job this morning after cleaning up a bit and dressing is to answer your questionaire.

1st, I have already replied yesterday in re the Spanish questionaire. I am positive to have left it on your table, on the hook, Perhaps it was afterwards put in your papka. I haven't got it.

2) Kapp, I have no recollection of any letter to you. On May First I wrote him acknowledging receipt of $100. But under date of April 8th I wrote Kapp that as you cannot write him you have asked me to acknowledge the last hundred he had sent. That must be hundred sent your prior to the hundred received on May First I myself saw only one check for $100 May First which I gave Rudy and which I know you endorsed and she dipositied.

The only letter from Kapp was addressed to me. It was an explanation of his plan of raising a new fund for you. It was dated April 22nd and it referred to $100 which he had sent and which arrived May First. I suppose the previous hundred were sent sent you before you even went to the hospital the second time. I recollect you writing me to England at that time that hundred from Kapp had arrived in addition to the sum Modska cabled. It probably came before you acknowledged it because you asked me to write Kapp soon after I got to Nice. In fact, I wrote him April 8th. So that covers the hundred received sometime in March. The next as I already stated came May first which I also acknowledged. That covers Kapp

3) Other moneys sent me for you are as follows; fifty dollars from Jeanne Levey for twenty five copies of your memoirs which I had sent her from England. It would be well to write her a line as she was most concerned in your condition. The

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Dear Sash. My first job this morning after cleaning up a bit and dressing is to answer your questionaire.

1st, I have already replied yesterday in re the Spanish quest ionaire. I am positive to have left it on your table, on the hook Perhaps it was afterwatds put in your papka. I haven't got it.

2) Kapp, I have no recollection of any letter to you. On May First I wrote him acknowledging receipt of $100. But under date of April 8th I wrote Kapp that as you cannot write him you have asked me to acknowledge the last hundred he had sent. That must be hundred sent your prior to the hundred received on May First I myself saw only one check for $100 May First which I gave Emmy and which I know you nginded and she dipositied.

The only letter from Kapp was addressed to me. It was an explanation of his plan of raising a new fund for you. It was dated April 22nd and it referred to $100 which he had sent and which arrived May First. I suppose the previous hundred were sent sent you before you even went to the hospital the second time. I recollect you writing me to England at that time that hundred from Kapp had arrinved in addition to the sum Modska cabled. It probably came before you acknowledged it because you asked me to write Kapp soon after I got to Nice. In fact I wrote him April 8th. So that covers the hundred received sometime in March. The next as I already stated came May first which I also acknowledged. That covers Kapp

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My beloved Stella. You are right of course. Compared with the agonized struggle with death Moe is fighting, and the even more frightful struggle of Babsie makes everything else appear trivial. You say you are in Huntington Hospital every minute of the day and you hang on the telephone. What would I not give if only I could be near enough to use the phone. Babsie could not keep me away I can tell you. For now that there is no hope of Moes recovery I would gave a damn who knows that he is not only my brother, but my very own child as well. But to be so far away, waiting for every scrap of news though I know that you can write me nothing cheerful is shere agony. Oh, why canot physicians be humane enough to end such a fierce struggle as Moes? It is worse than cruelty to see him suffer when there is no change for the better.

Darling, I am grateful to you that you at least keep me informed. You wrote I would hear from Saxe. So far not a word. I would go mad if I did not have the news you give me terrible as the news is. I prefer t o share Moos agony, Babsies an tragedy and our own even if it is only in thought, and not in close participption. Dearest there seems to be no end to the afflications that pursue our family. Now your arm. Why it must be torture to have to do heavy work with neuratis. Dearest whether you can afford or not you'll have to give it up, or your condit ion will grow worse. You cannot afford to be crippled altogether. Hvae you seen Bibby? He might suggest something else than teeth. Your lovely front teeth were alre ady pulled for nothing. Do not let them rob you of the rest. There must be other causes and methods to cure it. I dare say the sever winter in Bearsville di not add to your condition. In any event you should stop the

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I have been working for ten days to get my place in order. Michael Cohn sailed yesterday. He will arive the 19th and stay with S. and E. and then come here. So I must have everything in condition. I expect noone else though Fan Stark may come. I hear nothing from her, though I have written her twice.

Darling this year will be my saddest birthday with all the misery, and pain in our family, with my precious ones in pain. But one must hold on or one could not survie all the blows.

Goodby my own Stell I hold you close to my heart. Love to Toddy and the boys and if you should see Noe again tell him I love him devotedly and deeply and will always to the very

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last breath of my life. And Babsie, tell her I am with her every minute and with her sorrow. Some day I may be with her and try to make up for her grief about Moe.

With love.

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14 June 1936

Dear Emma,

Many thanks to the young wobbly whose letter made you write us and give us news from you and Sasha.

We had already heard from Mollie that all danger was eliminated and that it is, now, a question of a slow convalescence.

All's well that ends well, and Sasha's "bon esprit" will help him to get over his compulsory 'far niente'.

As to the wobbly's complaint against Rudolf, it is ridiculous. What is probably true is that Rudolf is incapable of doing practical organizing work: he is a speaker but no organizer, wheras what the IWW felows need is someone to help them to wade through their organization difficulties. I felt it better to take the opportunity and write directly to that comrade. So I enclose my letter to him,- will you please send it on to the fellow when you write him.

Yes, the "occupation of the factories", even in the peaceful manner, will leave its mark. The movement will be strangled, of course, as socialists and communists are interested to stop rapidly the movement,- otherwise the government of Léon Blum may have to go soon ...

As usual - our methods are applied. You remember the first days of October and Lenin's remark to Shatoff:"we have taken all your slogans, there is nothing left for you to do."

Here again - the value of these methods will be lost because of the insufficient consciousness by the workers of their own strength and by the politicians who will only see that they alone benefit by them...

Best love from Fanny and myself

ever yours,

Sasha

No holiday plans as yet. But if we are at all southways, we shall, of course, drop in to see you.

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Nice, June 14, [illegible]

Dear Em,

Just received yours of the 13th with the enclosures. Powye' letter was not inclosed.

Will return the letters after I go over them again and answer Holtz.

Just now a short line. Wrote you also a short letter yesterday to tell you I have my "papers". Good for one year.

Emmy tells me you asked her how I feel. Well, dear, I am feeling OK, so far as can be expected after such a short time of being out of the hospital. When necessary I'll consult Tourtou. But it is not necessary now. As Mollie wrote you, it took Sebastian several months to get quite well. And so Tourtou also told me that I heal slowly and it will take time. I am gaining weight and feeling stronger, and I don't know what I could really consult Tourtou about now. So, please, don't bother about it.

Well, it could have been foreseen about the Boleh. and Zenel. It is their usual policy: use one and then "eliminate" him. I don't know why you asked me to translate that letter in pencil. While I would be doing so, I could just as well do it on my machine. So I will send you a few typed copies of the translation and you could make more if necessary. M Emmy's machine is unusable now -- some piece there got out of order and I am unable to fix. Will have to take it to the bureau. My own Corona does not make many good copies. So there will be only a few.

Yes, I found the letter from Spain. All OK. Otherwise all OK here, comparatively speaking. How are you, dear?

Nice is quite excited about the strikes on the job at Gallerie Lafayette, Uniprix, Prisunix etc. The truth is, the bourgeoisie is scared lest the thing grow into a larger thing yet. It will not, but it is a grand lesson for the workers about their great economic power.

To what typing of your notes for Mujeres Libres does Mollie speakix refer? I see that you have an article in their first number. Seems to be a magazine dealing more especially with the liberty of women.

Mollie is right about the Spanish papers (especially) having such rotten illustrations.

Sent you some envelopes. I hope they did not charge you there for it, for it is paid for here. Will get you larger envelopes later when the big stores, where there are strikes now, open up.

Yes, the news you get from N.Y. are not very cheering. Poor Moe, it were better they would help him to a painless end. But the sacred laws, you know, against taking human life. Wars are all right, of course, but to put a man out of hopeless misery is an awful crime. -Babsie, Ruth, and now Stella with an affection of her arm (I don't know the cause of neuritis, must be some injury to some nerve in the arm) — it is terribly sad.

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In your last letter you mention your trouble with your feet. I myself think it is due to too much acid in your body. And the probable cause of the latter may be meat, wine and other similar acidy things. Why don't you try cutting out meat entirely, at least during the hot season. -- I have eliminated meat for months in the hospital and now I don't feel any need of it at all. In fact, I even xxxxx often have a strong feeling against eating it. Once in a while we eat here, but very rarely now. Eggs and other things have just as much nourishment as meat and are easier to digest.

Anyhow, I think you ought to consult Michael when he visits you.

It is irresponsible of Mods to have failed to write to Sandstr. I had written to him twice about it. But he does not even reply to my letters. He is incorrigible. I wonder if he means to come over this summer.

Will now translate that German letter and send you a few copies.

No letter from Powys was enclosed in your last letter.

Enough now. Greet the Sandstr. from me.

Affect.

Monday Noo. Was about to close my letter to you when I received your last of the 14th, with the account. -- I just glanced at Emmy's List of receipts and all the amounts are marked there. From Giesecke is marked $xxx TWELVE dollars, received in francs (179.16 fr.) So everything is OK, and I will send a line to all those people as soon as I get to it. As to the way we "stand", regarding your account, you forgot to mark that I xxxx was to give you some francs before you left (I think 150 or something like that) but I did not have it at the time. Well, about this latter. Want to mail this now.

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Dear Miss Briggs.

A thousand thanks for your letter and the suggestions it contains. It is most kind of you to take so much time with me being as occupied as you are. I cannot tell you how very much I appreciate your effort in my behalf with the Co-operating Group in London. I will be delighted to speak for them should they include me in their Syllabus for their week-end school in Oct. I hope I may know soon what week-end they will want me if at all. I would set aside that date.

Your suggestion that I should attend the Autumn Conference of the League in Liverpool is excellent. Of course there is the expense . But I would go as it would enable me to meet the delegates. Personal contant is always preferable to letters. But would I be admitted to the Conference as a nondelegate? I should not like to impose myself,or feel an outsider. Perhaps you will tell me when next you write if there would be no difficulty in being accepted as a member of the League,even if not as a delegate. It seems the Playgoers Circle in Liverpool for whom I lectured twice ten years ago is no longer in existance. I have received word from the Miss Watson sec. of the Playgoers Club saying her organisation does not arrange lectures but that she has turned over my letter to another society At the same time she informed me that the Playgoers's Circle no longer exists. I am sorry because I could easily have obtained some booking from them and perhaps I could have combined the Leagues' Conference. Well, I will make a great effort to attend if I can feel that I will not be looked upon as an interloper. So please let me know in your

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next letter.

Indeed I will write to the Pax Playgoers. Thanks for the name and address of the secretary

With kind greetings

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St Tropez June 15th 36.

Dear Modest. I have written you so often without ever hearing from you it seems a waste of time to continue. Yet I must write you once more. I do that in the hope that you WILL answer it at once. First about the Sandströms. You have placed a job in his hands which filled out to the best of his ability. He gave a lot of time to it. We sent you the plans,or rather sent them to Sasha which he forwarded with a letter impressin g it on your mind that you should write Sandström,and pay him for his work. Even when they had means it would have been unfair tax not to remuner ate him for his labors. Or at least to have enough courtesy to acknowledge the receipt of the plans.But now the Sandströms are completely pressed to the wall.Every sou looms high in their est imation, Do you think it is right to ignore the effort in your behalf he has made? I think it most unjust,and I am really sur prised that you should acted so unfairly.

Besides, The Sandströms are the only people in St Tropez I have any dealings with. They have been exceedingly kind to me always ready to be of help whenever I have called on them. They knew you through me and they have relied on your word because they knew you were Sashas and my friend. It is most unpleasant for me to be asked what had become of you and why you do not answer I hate to seem angry or unkind to you.But dear Modest I am the one who has to face the music. And,believe it or not I have got enough to bear without having this your dealings with Sandströms to account for, I must ask you,therefore to write them,or me at once.And if possible to send Sandström some money for his job. If I were not so strapped having to live on next to nothing I would

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simply reimburse Sand, and be done with it.After all you have o.. several occasions come to my rescue.I would just as well pay the man for you. But that is impossible. I do not even know how I will pull through the summer. I know perfectly that money has little value to you. The more I am surprised about your dealings with Sand. Please old man write them,or me and do what you can about your indebtedness to them.

The next thing is Bon Esprit. I have advertised it in a paper in London that carrys ads of Continental real estate. I have advertised it to let for eight months with an option of ourchase. Frankly, I have not the least hope anyone will come forward to buy it,or pay even remotely what the place has cost. Actually it was hundred thousand francs when the dollar was 25 fr That does not include the improvements.. I will be lucky if I would get half the amount.But the Continent even more than Eng is most uncertain and foreigners are not likely to want to have a house here. On the other hand Frenchmen who have money will want a larger house. And some farmer will consider the garden too small. Anyho ,no Frenchman will buy it. Of course,some English people, artists especially may like it well enough to purchase Bon Esprit. I confess I am not sanguine about it. However, I would like to kn know what you expect for your piece,in case someone does want Bon Esprit I ought to know what to ask for your end. So please do not delay writing me.

I am difinitely going back to England though I have not the slightest hope of succeeding there any more than I have in the past. But I cannot face slow mental stagnation in France. And I cannot remain alone in St Tropez for very long.It is too

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wearing. On the other hand Bon Esprit in the winter is no use for either Sasha or Emma. The constant mistral and rain requires stronger people than Sasha and less nervous than E. Besides, he has been refused a permanent domicile in the Var. So they would have to keep up their Aprt in Nice anyhow. If at least they could save rent by living here I would not think of selling the place now. But that too is out of the question. So what is the use of the whole thing? As I said I have advertised, I may also do it in the Paris Herald Tribune. I canot waste too much money on advertising. In any event I MUST KNOW WHAT YOU EXPECT FOR YOUR PIECE AND THAT VERY SOON.

I left Sasha a week after we got him out of the hosp'tal. His progress is distressingly slow. He writes he does not seem to gain strength. I suppose it takes time after two prostate operations and when one has been so ill as Sasha. Emmy who had yielded to the treatment of a doctor friend of mine in Vence is again in misery. Her operation seems unavoidable. I have no idea what Sasha will do about it. Naturally, if E. must go under the knife I will return to Nice to take care of both of them though that will be extremely difficult in their small Aprt. We will see. It is certain the operation will have to wait until Sasha has picked up a bit.

What are your plans? Are you coming over? And when. You have repeatedly complained that you can never be alone with me and Sasha in Bon Esprit. Now if you would let me know difinitely when to expect you I would see to it that no one else is around. But I cannot just wait indifinitely. So you had better write me, if you really care a tinkers damn to "renew our acquaintance".

Affectionately

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London, June 15th 1936.

Dearest Emma,

Glad that you are home again. Do take it easy now,for a while at least, and rest in plenty of sunshine and good fresh air, you need it after a winter in London and worries in Nice.

We were preparing to go to Bournemouth friday but the doctor says no, not yet, perhaps later, and not to Bournemouth, it is too far, he says, but somewheres nearer, Southend. It is rather disapointin but what can one mach. Still, Semen insists that we should go anyhow, on friday and to Bournemouth. We'll see, said the blind.

Yes, we had in mind all the time to write to you about Hammerschmidt but kept on forgetting. It w was a funny experience: He sent for his roll of drawings which were standing in your room as you've left them. A little later he called to say that one of the drawings is missing. Semion and I looked all over for it but of no avail. He then called again in ruther a disturbed mood and we both felt pretty bad about this misteriouse disapearance of that drawing. We did not know what to do about it. Semion would of course like to have one of his drawings but not that way. A day later, however, he telephoned, that he found it, somebody has sent it on to him.

They both came afterwards and apologised for the - -

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well, inconvenience, and so forth.

Meantime we have succeeded to interest Mr. Duddington in his work and, to make a long story short he has now got his work exibited in the Whitechapel Art Galleries.

Love from both of us.

Yours

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111, Browning Rd
Enfield, Middsx.
15/6/36

Dear Emma,

Please forgive me for having kept you so long without a line. I can only assure you that I did the needful with regard to the advert in the Daily as soon as I received your instructions. I hope three insertions will suffice which is what I did.

I was indeed sorry to learn of the unhappy news of your very dear Mother. Chin up though he will no doubt pull through and you will be able to love him as much as you did and more.

I saw Mr + Mrs. Rivettana of Southend. I am unable to state much about him but I will deal with him within a couple of weeks when I have time to breathe. I can only say now — call me a liar if you like — that Rivettana is very nice and all that until ..... like all the others. Don't quarrel with me I am saying this in haste.

Bair! not a word from him. I have the carpets lying in my office & he promised to call. I am still waiting & hoping.

Of course, he had three pounds from me & you sent him two so why bother. Then again he may be doing things in his own way. Ah well!

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I am just writing to him again.
Meanwhile this ~~dear~~ devil is not
dead yet. We shall up till late
I. Sin & Sam as I just a chance.
I just hesitate to thank.
- Yours Niobedly
Shloime -

Berel was ready to Margate got a week
He returned friend to a dairy & looking
fit. The country has done to you.

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Mrs E E.Horner
Sect.
The International
Pax Players Association.
48, Arlington Street
Islington N.1.
England.

Dear Madam. I am writing you at the suggestion of Miss Frances Briggs , Sect of the British Drama League. She thought youmight be interested in the inclosed circular which had been inserted in DRAMA of May. At the end of March I closed a three months tour lecturing in a number of the provinces in England. I am returning early in Oct. for a more extensive lecture tour. I already have a number of bookings. I wonder if your Society would also care to avail themselves of my forthcoming tour.

I may say that I lecture on the seperate authors given in my circular, Chekhov now so much in vogue in England should prove of considerable interest to people interested in the Russian pre war rex writers. Also as regards America I treat out side of Eugene O'Neills works the younger dramatists.

As I regards my fee I wish to say it varys according to the size and the means of the organisation which books me. Such societies as the Manchester, Liverpool, Bristol, and Birmingham Playgoers have paid me five guineas, railway fare and hospitality. Others,liek the Coventry Repertory Comany paid only 3.owing to its poor finaces. For very small amateur groups I have made the very low fee of 2 guineas. Of course fare and hospitality were extra.

I will be very glad to hear from you in re some bookings for your organisation.

Yours sincerely.

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St tropez June 16th 36.

Mollie,my dearest Child. Of all the shocks I have received lately this about Gaby and Emma demanding money from you staggered me the most. Even if you were coing her anything how can anyone be so mean and cruel to worry you with it when they must know you are so ill and should be spared as much as possible any excitment or pain? Besides,what has Emma to do with a money transaction or what have you, that concerns entirely Gaby and myself. I must therefore beg you dearest to send me Gaby address at once.I will soon settle the matter with him,you bet.

As to you paying him anything. Why, that is ab surd.You owe him nothing.And I must ask you not to think of ret urning anything. In the first place Gaby ~~xx~~ gave me the fifty pounds towards my Canadian trip in 36. He joked it off when I told him at the time that I consider it a loan and would return it in due time. Then,he said he was interested in your study of ~~stenogr~~ stenography. So I wrote him from Canada that I would like to send $150 of the fifty pouds to you towards you needs while you were studying. He replied at once I should go ahead. I also asked him if he would like to contribute to the A.B.C. of Anarchism Sasha was writing then,~~xxx~~. He also consented.Thereupon I sent Sasha the $20,and I sent you fifty and the twenty Wright Thomas gave me for you. I must have sent you more later.But unfortunately I have no recollection when that might have been,or in what form. I cannot get at my old letters now because they are stacked away on top of the ward robe in Sashas room and it is too dangerous to try to get them down as the ward robe has a tendency to tupple over. When Marie comes tomorrow I will have her help me. But I fear I may have destroyed my old Canadian correspondence as I have many others

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last September when I had to clear away old stuff since I was leav ing Bon Esprit to the English woman I know. I am not sure.I will see just as sure as Marie comes. I know I gave you hundred dollars in 28 when I returned from Canada whether that was from the amount Gaby consented for you to have or my own I do not know,oxxx it se scened so selfevident that you should be helped and Gaby had con sented that it never occurred to me to let you know the source. Who on earth should think that people will make claimes ten years after they had pretended interest and friendship. Had I suspected Gaby capable of such contemptable action I would have kept every scrap of my correspondence with him. I simply did not consider it important and having to move about so much I destroyed most of Gabys letters along with hundreds of others equally unimportant.

However, I'll straighten the matter out soon enough just as quickly as you will send me Gabys address. The idea of ask ing you not to write Emma. What does he mean by trying to hide his cheap action from me? It must be that he knows in his heart it was a mean thing to do to permit E mma to worry you. Now, I repeat darling the matter concerns ONLY GABY AND MYSELF,you have nothing whatever to do with it. And I really MUST INSIST THAT YOU REFRAIN FROM RETURNING ANYTHING TO GABY. If there is anything to return I will do it. But there is not. Gaby consented to contributing to your studies.And one does not consider that a debt.Nor does one expect such a thing to be refunded. Not take it to heart? Indeed I do take it to heart,and very much at that. I have been disappoint in friends,or those who pretended to be friends before. But never so deeplyxxx as in this case. I observed for some time that Gaby had changed. That his interest in our ideas was dead and his friend ship for me no more. Still I thought the boy had retained his

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qualities. The last rotten act just about broke the camels back. Darling what do you mean it is not Gabys fault it is Erma? It is nonsense to blain it on the man. The fact that he told Erma about the affair at all shows that there is something in Gaby himself which is petty.

However, I must write him to straighten out the whole business so please send me his address.

Some cheek of Erma to say it was her money. I don't believe Gaby even knew her then. And if he did they could not have been together very long. Besides at that time Gaby had a large allowance so he did not need to live on Ermas money.

My onw poor Mollitchka its impardonable to wr worry you at this time. That make me angry more than the cheap claim of money from you.

Devoted love to both of you. Please dismiss the matter from Your minds.

You say in your letter in re Zenal that Peshcova replied she was not known under the name of Muhsam. Can I use that? Answer by return mail.

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Bearsville, June 16th.

My darling:

I still sit and wait for news. I have written and written and written. Had a note from Saxe two days ago"telephoned Huntington last night. The nurse told me there was absolutely no change. She was non-committal when I asked her if there was any progess in the gangrene". I enclose Mother's letter received yesterday, which confirms the situation. Apparently Babs feels closer to Fessie than to anyone of us, which is her privelege. But I am as out of touch with Moe, as you. It is useless for Saxe to go out because she will not permit him to see Moey. There is nothing to see except that he is being kept under with morphine all the time. I thank my luck that I saw him two weeks ago Sunday in his lucid moments. He would not have been permitted to see him if Babsie hadn't been in Northport. His nurse told him we were there and he asked to see us, so we went in for ten minutes. We promised to come back in the afternoon, he begged us to, we did, and Babs was adamant (what difference it could make I don't know) she did not allow us to see him. We sat with her two hours in an adjoining room. After we left, Isy Miller arrived about 6, in the evening, and was immediately admitted into his room for a visit. So her atittude toward you is part of her entire attitude. Oh, dont think I blame her, darling. I am filled with pity and affection and a desire to help. Her own long illness, Poe's tragic end, what her own life will be must be a continuous nightmare that has no end. If she has imaginary grievances I for one do not blame her.

There is no need to tell each other what Moe means to us. I never thought I would welcome his end, but I been praying for it. I dreamt last night that I took a long, long journey to see him and help Babs and when I got there Moe and Babs were walking on the seashore. I joined them and I couldn't get over my surprise that he could walk.

Mother as you see is terribly concerned about you. I wrote her today. It is hard at her age. Father is coming to visit us.

I am glad you are back in your own place, my darling. Even if one is alone, it is better than conflict. So glad Sasha and Emmy feel better. Give them my love.

I am sending with Syd some stockings for your birthday. My loving wishes go with them. I know you do not feel like celebrations at this sad time for us. Still I like you always to have some token.

Teddy has begun his figure of Ian. I still pose afternoons. We have a gorgeous garden this year. Teddy spends all the time he is not in the studio there. I scarcely ever leave the place.

The boys all send you their love and best wishes for your birthday. I embrace you, my darling, and feel so helpless

Stella

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P.º SANTA MARÍA DE LA CABEZA, 36

Madrid,le 16 juin 1936.

A Emma Goldman

Cère camarade,

Comme tu auras déjà vu,nous avons publié de ta lettre ce que notre anglais nous a permis.Comme tu l'écris si parfait, nous n'avons pas pu en proffiter tous ses nuances.

La revue a eu un grand succes et ton travail a plu beaucoup a cause de ton entetement d'organiser en Inlaterre et par la sympathie que ton nom a en Espagne.

Autour de la revue nous constituirons des groupes d'ensegneiment elementaire pour des ouvriers,a la fin de preparer de bons propagandistes dont nous avons grand besoin.

Nous désirons que notre cher camarade Berkman soit tout á fait retabli.Et nous te prions une autre fois de nous envoyer une autre travail,qui devra nous arriver avant le 5 du mois prochain.Nous demandons ton aide avec autant d'insistence parce que nous somes sûres que si quelques camarades étrangers des plus capacités pouvaient être pres de nous,on faxrait en Espagne la revolution libertaire.Il y a ici une matière magnifique,mais il manque la preparation necessaire.Il y son tres peu les camarades qui peuvent orienter et éclairsir les conceptes,et ceci peut signifier une avantage pour les organisations comunistes.Notre desire serait que tu vinses travailler personalement avec nous,mais si ceci n'est pas possible, au moins aide-nous de loin.

Une salutations fort affectueuse de "Mujeres Libres",qui a attendent ta nouvelle colaboration

Mercedes Comaposada

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ROGER N. BALDWIN

June 16

Dear Emma,-

It's lucky your post card caught me before I really got into action on Mrs. Muhsam. I was just casting about for the right contact in Moscow to make the inquiries. If you learn anything further that would justify acion, let me know and I'll get busy. I've had a hard time getting the dope on Trotsky's son, but with time I can make somebody talk always.

Do give Sasha my warmest greetings and good luck in his convalescence. What a blessing he still has you to minister to him. He's too rare a soul to let go before his time, and that is still far off.

I rejoice that you got some encouragement in England, and are not obliged to "retire". I could never picture you in any sort of voluntary retirement. I reckon I will not have the privilege of a visit with you this year, as I am booked to stay right here. I hope to get over next summer.

Angelica is laid up in Chicago with a broken arm. She plans to stay on and I am trying to arrange it. She evn suggested my getting her an American husband, just for diplomatic uses! She's an old dear.

Ever with love,

Your old friend,

RNB

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St Tropez Var June 17th 36.

Dearest Milly. I got your letter of May 25th in the midst of frantic,general house cleaning. The English woman I had left the house with just for the care she would give it and the garden presented me with a regular pigstie on my return. So, after five months drudgery in England and two months constant worry about Sasha I had to roll up my sleeves and set to work getting a semblance of order and cleanlyness in my place. Its on the way but far from complete. Well, physical labor has this advantage, it tires me out so that I fall into bed too exhausted to read a paper. That is most fortunate.For the news from Sasha and Emmy xxxxxxxxxx is not very cheering. And the news from Stell about my family is most depressing.

First about Sasha,his recovery is desperately slow. He writes that he cannot get back his strength. He is so weak and so easyly fatigued. I suppose tis is natural after two operations on the prostate. I understand tat Sebaste was ill for a long time. Of course, Sasha cannot come here where he might pick up sooner. He is simply not able to travel And Emmys condition is again worse, It looks as if the operation wil have to take place. For the prese nt Sasha is too weak to face it. Ater,if it has to be done and the two want me I will go back to Nice to look after them. Emmy maybe able to hold out until Sept wh I could difinitely close up Bon Esprit and go to Nice before my return to England. We will see.

Meanwhile I have put ared in a London paper dealing with real estate on the Continent tat Bon Esprit is to let from Oct to June with an option of purchase. Yes my dears it has come to the imperative need of selling the place. Sasha and Emmy would not survive under the winters rain ed mistral. Besides he has been

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denied the right of domicile in the Var. And I will have to remain in England, if I am to build up anything at all. Of course I could come back for a few summers months. But it would be too much of an expensive pleasure which I cannot afford. So the lovely place will have to go. If, - that is a great question, - I can find a buyer that will not expect the place for nothing. I am not very hopeful I can tell you.

About England, it looks most discouraging. My circular which went into DRAMA, a magazine published by the British Drama League and which reached 4500 organizations and individuals did not bring one single response. I have received replies from some dramatic societies to whom I had written personal letters and had inclosed stamped return envelopes. Most of them said they could not afford even the "mosdest sum of your fee". Barr who was to circularize the Cooperative societies and the National Counsil of Labor Collges is still munking with the printing. He is so hopelessly slow it would drive a saint to drink. Sutton my new admirer is busy with his own work for the present. So you see the outlook is bleak. But I will go back. I can do nothing else. I would go mad here alone for months. And I would rather starve than remain inactive.

The news about my brother Moe is heart breaking. He was getting along wonderfully for nearly two years. The first of May a bloodclod reached his leg. His agony was so great that he had to be given mourphine. He has been kept alive by that means ever since. His leg is paralized and there is no hope for his recovery. So the brutal idea of [illegible] seem somehopeless cases going instead of a merciful [illegible] Meanwhile Moe

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death and is prevented from brining him relief. Need I tell you the misery I am going through knowing the slow painful struggle of the man who was more to me than a brother. The most understanding man in my life, the most devoted friend and comrade? I am besides myself with grief. But I am so helpless, so far away.

This not being enough I have news from Stella that she has developed neuritis in her right arm and that her blood pressure is very low. Stella has simply overworked herself and the severe winter in Harrisville has also not added to her health. She does all t he heavy work herself, and in the summer is is over run by people. I wrote her she will have to cut it all out and see a competent physician who can put her on a propper diet and build up her condition of the blood. Lastly is the news about Ruth. She has been discharged from the Insittue as "cured". But Stella w writes she is as indifferent and listless to her child and every body else as before. So much for the misfortunes of my family which I feel intensely as you can imagine. But there are other woes that hurt to the quick. First Mollie, she is suffering the tortures of the damned. She has undergone treatment of short waves that have nearly driven her mad, and which she had to give up. Senia writes the last hope is Vienna where there is some great specialists for her trouble. So poor Senia who is worn out will not be able to take a vacation this year as he will need every penny to send Mollie to Vienna. Dreadful isn't it?

Lastly and by no means least, is the fact that Emil is actually under arrest. All the assurance from Stockholm that Ester has been sent to the Vasa district to lecture is the same old lie as when they told me Fermin was in a re[illegible] camp. [illegible]

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from "gen Krauss "asel who in return sent her difinite word she had received from her sources in Moscow that Zensl is under arrest and everybody in Moscow is too terrorized to do anything about it, I have sent the material to Sasha to translate. I will then make copies and send you and Rudolf one as well as to the Nation and the Manchester Guardian. This idea of being careful is nonsence my dear. If we will not make Zensls arrest widely known she will be shipped to some remote concentration camp and that will be the last of her. To be sure Zensl is herself to blame. She knew all b about the Moscow gang, she knew she was going directly against the wishes of Erich to permit herself to be used by the criminal gang in Moscow. Yet she went. It was Stassova from the Rote Hilfe who promised her all kinds of advantages if she will only come to Russia. The y used her for their purpose and the name of Erich and then get rid of her. But we cannot say now "serves Zensl right". We must try our utmost to get her out of that hell. I expect Rudolf to get busy in whatever way he can. And we in Europe will do the same.

In all the misery there are only two bright rays, the strikes which have shown such wonderful solidarity of the workers. And the fact that Sasha has been granted a years ext extention instead of six monthe. And that without any effort on his part. In fact, he writes he has not the slightest idea how that came about. Well, whoever is responsible it will be a blessing for Sasha not to have to hang around so often at the prefecture and spend a fortune in bribes. We are overjoyed with is bit of fortune after all the pain and suffering our Sasha has undergone.

I am sure Rudolf and you must have been wild with joy over the [illegible] in Paris and the

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The Blum Minsitry so far has not dared to use force against the strikers. But if they should continue M.Blum will be driven by the bourgeoisie to do what has been done by all Socialists in power. In fact Mollie writes that the last few days Paris was crowded with police forces. Let us hope the strikes will be settled without ablood bath. But whether the strikes bring the workers anything or not the menifestation cannot but act as a most inspiring example of what labor can do if it wills.

Enough of the news from this end. I am so glad you will be away from New York this summer. I hope you have a nice place. Is Fermin with you. How is your health darling.And how i Rudolf. What about your extension? Do write me about everything. Michael Cohn sailed Saturday and will probably arrive in Nice the 19th. He will visit with Sasha and Emmy for a while and then come here. His new wife and her son are with him. Marvelous about your sex Rudolf darling. They can always pick up youth. No such luck for our sex, eh, Millicken?

I embrace you both with love, also Fermin.

Emma

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Talk about money and what it does to some people. I had a letter from Molly that made me sick. It is about some money that Gaby let me have for my Cnadian tour ten years ago. It was fifty pounds. Out of that he consented for me to give Molly $150 at my request for her study of tyoing and stenography, $20 he contributed to the A.B.C Of Anarchism which you has begun after I left for Canada and which I sent you along with other moenys. I also sent Mollie part of her share in 27 and I gave her some w when I returned in 28. I myself had forgotten the whole business. You will see from the inclosed of Mollies to Gaby and Erma that ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ she and Gaby now deman the return of that money from Mollie. Can you imagine anything more outrageous? Even if Mollie really owed them anything it was cruel to worry her with it when she is so ill. Besides she had nothing whatever to do with t the matter. It concerns only Gaby and me,not even Erma who was not then in Gabys life. Its a rotten pieee of business. I am waiting to get Gabys address from Mollie. I will settle the matter with him quick enough. Its Mollie I am most concerned in.

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Editor of
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Dear Sir,

Amidst the gld tidings from Soviet Russia of the new Constitution and its guarantee of "free speech, free press, free conscience" and other such epochmaking changes under the Soviet Dictatorship it will prove somewhat of a jolt to your readers to learn that the political teror and persecution goes merrilly on. The inclosed copy of the information about the widow of Erich Muhsam will prove the case in point.

Less you maynot know about the fate of the man I wish to call your attention to his case which caused considerable indignation in liberal and rather circles all over the world. Erich Muhsam one of Germanys' formost poets was among the first victims of the Nazi regime. For 18 months he underwent fiendish tortures and was fatally murdered in the end. Now his widow is under arrest in Moscow and is likely to meet with a fate, if not so drastic as her husbands, certainly no less teagic.

Mrs Zensl Muhsam went to Russia a yearago at the ex press invitation of Mme Helena Stassova, the head of the ROTE HILFE. She knew Mrs Muhsam for years when the Muhsams lived in Germany. True, Mrs M. knew her husbands attitude to the political perseo ution going on in the so called Socialist Republic. He had dif nitely refused the repeated invitations to visit Russia. He had insisted that the persecution of revolutionists for opinion s ke was a travesty on the Russian Revolution and Socialism. Mrs M.

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was aware of that and also of the warning of her firends not to be lured by the invitation of Mme Stassova. Yet she went a. The explanation of her foolhardy action is her passionate desire to see her husbands' works in living form. [illegible] The opera and other writings of Erich Muhsam should become a living monument to her martured husband, Erich Muhsam. She had been promised that. So she went to Russia, only to meet with the same fate [illegible] as many others before her. After she had turned over the MSS. and had been used by the Soviet authorities for their pol[illegible] propaganda they simply disposed of her. Not by any stretch of imagination could Mrs Muhsam have been dangerous to the Soviet regime. A rebel and fighter by nature she yet belonged to non-of the political parties. In fact she Her great interest was humanitarina, the care and succor of all Nazi victims no matter what their political leanings. [illegible] Her arrest is, therefore more reprehensible [illegible] than if she had entertained difinite political views contrary to the Soviet regime.

I received the first news of Mrs Muhsams disappearnce a month ago. But her friend not wishing to act hastily decied to address themselves to Mme Stassova. They were informed that Mrs Muhsam had been sent on a tour to the German Settlements along the Volga to lecture on the conditions in Nazi Germany. [illegible] Old sceptic that I am about the roseate news from Russia I was yet willing to abide by the explanation. I should have known better. I should have [illegible] remembered the reply I received to my inquiry about that wonderful woman Maria Spirdonovas whereabouts, I was

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told them she was recuperating in a sanatorium and was getting "the best of care". I soon found out that the "sanatorium" was the inner prison of the Cheka and "the best of care" the kind only that humanitarian organisation could give. The inclosed proves my point.

You will appreciate that it is impossible to give you the name of ~~them~~ my informant. He is still in Russia and it would mean dire consequences to him were his name to become known. I can assure you, however of the absolute integrety and trustworthy ness of the source.

Though most favorable to the Soviet experiment The GUARDIAN, unlike other liber publication has always been broad enough to publish disclosures of the sad plight of the politicals in Russia. It is this which induces me to write you in behalf of the latest victim Mrs. Zenzl Muhsam. She is in imminent danger of exile in some remote Soviet concentration camp and the only means to save her is publicity in the liberal and labor press.

Sincerely yours

Emma Goldman
St Tropez Var
France.

Please find inclosed some postage for a copy of ~~them~~ your issue that will contain my letter and inclosure. ~~Friends in England~~

Friends in England are sending me the WEEKLY GUARDIAN, But I do not received the DAILY, hence my request for a copy.

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Dear Midge. Do you realize that your last letter was written on. 2nd. And that you have never replied to mine of Feb 10th? I have been waiting ever since for a sign of life from you. I wonder what can be the matter. True, you have kept me waiting endless time before. But then you moved and were prevented by other matters. Still, you have written. Now you have stopped altogether. Is that the way to treat an old friend? Really, you have no idea how I miss hearing from you.

As you see I am back in Bon Esprit, since the sixth of June. For two months I was in Nice helping my old chum A.B. back to health. He had undergone two operations and was in the hospital for three months. He is home now, in his flat with his young sweetheart who takes good care of him. So I made off for this place. I had permitted an English woman I know to have the house over winter. I found an awful mess I have been trying to clean up ever since.

You will see from the inclosures what I have done in England and that I am difinitely going back in Sept. I am not at all hopeful about my chances there. But anything is better than slow mental decay in France. I have advertised my place to let with an option of purchase. I have no hope anyone will respond or payme even part of the cost. It was hundred thousand francs when the dollar was 25.fr. That does not include the improvements. I would take less because I see no ~~xxxxxx~~ sense in holding on to Bon Esprit much as I love it. You see to gain ground in England I must remain there for several years. Of course I could always come back for a few summer months. But it is too costly and luxurious to do that. So I will have to sell Bon Esprit.

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I have gone over the letters and accounts of the fund raised for me. It made me sick to my heart that I have not lived up to the expectations my friends had about the book I was going to write. I simply cannot buckle down to writing anything serious that would require much time and peace of mind. One cannot be at peace in the chaotic Europe of to day. And what is more,it seems to trivial and futile to write about this or that personanlity who had been in ones life, when the whole world is on the verge of another bloody war. I am burning up with the need of activity along the lines of the ideal I have fought for all my life and not for the pass time of Belle Letters. If I live another few years I hwill have more than enough material left for an additional volume of L.M.L. My friends will have to be satisfied with that. I ce not force myself to write anything substantial now.

I see by the account you sent me that actually fifty people have conteibuted to the fund.I want to write them all in acknowledgment which I have not yet done. I find it would cost six dollars to write each one from France. Would you believe it darling I cannot afford that expence. I have very little left from the fund,it was not a hell of a lot in the first place as you well know. But what is left will have to keep me going until I return to England. When I tell you that most societies and organizations there write me they can afford only ten shillings for a lecture, $2,50 cents you will appreciate how hard it will be to earn my bread in His Maheatys do,ain. But to come back to the letters I want to write to those who have contributed to the fund,if ever so little. I would like to send the letters to you in addressed envelopes and have you mail it.It will be a saving of five dollars at least. Thats a good deal for me now. Please let me know by

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I dare say you like the rest of the world will rejoice that the new Constitution in Russia grants "free speech and press",and ever so many other blessings a la Stalin. Well, will at interest you to know that I have just received news from Russia that the widow of Erich Muhsam who had been murdered by the Nazi in Hitlers concentration Camps and who had gone to Russia to work for the political victims in Germany ix had been arrested and is kept in the Cheka.So much for "free speech and press" in Russia. As usual the Jesuitic gang in Moscow is spreading the rumor that Mrs Muhsam is lecturing in the German colonies along the Volga. It was the same about Maria Spirdonova.When I came to Russia I was

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Dearest, I believe you still have some money left from the fund. Was it sixty dollars? I have forgotten. Please keep enough for the postage of the letters I will send you and let me have the rest. Send it by your personal check. I can dip sit it in "my" bank in Paris.

I have very tragic news from my family. My brother Moe who had improved most wonderfully last year has been fighting an agonized battle with death since May 11th. He is being kept alive with mourphine though why, if there is no hope of recovery such cruelty still goes on I cannot understand. It is my own doctor brother who had always been as my own child and my bxxxx frxxxx most understanding friend. More than his tragic struggle is the frightful lot of his wife, a woman 22 years younger than he one who has idolized Moe and has been the most devoted wife and companion. Imagine what it must mean to her to see the frightful slow end of her beloved. I am heart broken to be so far away and so helpless.

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summer when she entertains so many people besides looking after her family. I wrote her she will have to stop all that. I am most anxious about my own beloved Stell. The news about Ruth is also not very cheering. She has been discharged from the psychiatric Institution as "cured". But Stella writes me she is still ind ifferent to her child and her surroundings. Anyhow, the news from my family added to the woe of the world make one's "holiday anything but jeboux. But one goes on just the same, stupidly cling ing to life that one knows to be hardly worth while. Moreover, one still hopes to be of use. Imagine I will be sixty seven the 27th of this month. I ought to abide my soul in peace. Instead I am constantly growing more restless, and the year nig to make my last years count will not be stilled.

The inclosed letter to a friend will interest you I am sure. The strikes in France have been the only bright ray in an otherwise most bleak political and social sky.

How is Nic doing, give him my love. And your son who must be quite a man now, give him my love as well. And you, my dearest faithless one? How have you been, what have you been doing It must be much since you neglected me so shamefully. Please, please darling write me soon.

devoted love.

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Original Text

St Tropez Var June 17th 36.

Miss Freda Kirchwey
Editor The Nation
20 Visey Street
New York City.

Dear Freda Kirchwey.

You remember the tragice end of Erich Muhsam. After fiendish torutures in the Nazi concentration camp he was fouly killed in the end. You had a note about it, and I was told Mr Louis Fisher had paid my dead comrade quite a tribute. It will probably surprise you that his widow, Zensl Muhsam is in danger of meeting with a fate, if not so drastic yet also in some remote concentration camp. No-not in Germany. But in Soviet Russia.

A month ago we received the first news from a most reliable person in Moscow that Mrs Muhsam had vanished from that city and no trace could be found of her. My friends keot the matter quiet because they wanted to make inquiries as to the whereabouts of Muhsams wodow. They were infromed that she had been sent on a lecture tour to the German settlements along the Volga to tell of the horrors in Hitlers concentration camp.

Old cynic that I am about all these wonderful stoires about Soviet doings I was yet willing to believe the explanation of Zenals disappreance. I should have known better. Years ago when I was in Moscow and asked about Matia Spirdonova I was assured that she was recuperating in a sanatorium and was getting "the best of care. I soon discovered that the sanatorium was the Cheka prison. And the"best of care" the kind only the Cheka was in a habit of giving political opponents.

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The ille inclosed short note from the same source as the first information we received will show you that I am not exaggerating. You understand of course that the name of xxxx the writer can not be devulged. But I can assure you that the source is absolutely trustworthy. The party is a friend of the Muhsams for years and knows all about Mrs Musams doings while she was in Moscow.

Not by any strech of imagination could she have been of danger to the Soviet regime. While a rebel and fighter by nature xxxx and in deep sympathy with the masses Zensl never belonged to any of the political parties. She did however always devote all her energies to the hlep of All political prisoners in Germany regardless of their leanings. During the 18 months os her husbands partyrdom she went about collecting food stuff xxxxxxxxxxxx for all the politicals in the same camp with Muhsam. She fought the "axxx prison S.A. men for the rights of all and nearly came being incarcerated herself. Her arrest in Russia is therefore more reprehensible than if she had been an active xxxxxxx oppnent of Stalins political belssings. Moreover Zensl Muhsam went to Russia at the express invitation of Helena Stassóva who as you see by the inclosed is the head of the ROTE HILFE and who knows Zensl for years. It was foolhardy of Mrs M. to accept the invitation. She knew Richs xxxxxxxx attitude to the political terror in the Socialist Republic. In point of fact he xxxxxxxxxx had xx difinitely refused the repeated invitation to come to Russia. He had insisted that nver would he put his foot in the land that was perocecuting his comrades and all other revolutionists, merely for opinion sake. Zensl was also quationed by xxxxx many of her friends who know what is going on underneath the tinsel show.

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Yet she went. And now she too like so many other naive souls [redacted] is paying dearly for her foolsih faith in the [redacted] wonders that is Russia-On paper.

I know Lenal well,and I know that she permitted herself to be persuaded by Stassova because of her passionate desire to see her husbands' works published as a living monument to him. Whereelse but the workers Republic could she hope to see her one aim in life realized? To be sure they did take away all of Krich Muhsams MSS,and they used his widow for their own progandas' END.When they got through with her they put her safely out of com munication with her friends. [redacted]

I know how loath your are to publish anything disagreable about Soviet Russia. Yet I am certain you will not want to silencethe plight of of Zensl Muhsam. You will not wait until she has been exile to some remote concentration camp not [redacted] much less harrowing than they are in Germany. [redacted] I am sure this will happen unless we can waken the liberal and radical conscience to some protest against the arrest of Krich Muhsams widow. I therefore ask you to publish the inclosed and my letter.

Cordially.

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17th June 1936

Ref. CWD/M.

Mrs. E.G. Colton,
Bon Esprit,
Chemin St Antoine
ST. TROPEZ Var.
FRANCE.

Dear Miss Goldman,

I am so glad to hear that Berkman is making such rapid improvement and I hope before the Summer is ended he will be enjoying full health.

The plates of "PRISON MEMOIRS" were shipped on May 20th per S.S. "Berengaria" to:-

Mr. Philip Kapp,
Joint Board of the Dress & Waistmakers Union,
I.L.G.W.U.
216-232 West 40th Street,
NEW YORK CITY.

They should have them before this.

I hope you are getting the benefit of fine weather.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

C W Daniel

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St Tropez June 18th 36.

My dear Shloime. I jyst received a letter from Auntie with yours inclosed. It was a relief to have a sign of life from you after nearly three weeks. You see, you wrote you would be through with your work the 6th. Naturally I thought you would write. I suppose it was foolish to be anxious. But I was and there never was a remedy for my foolishness about people I care for.

The inclosed from Miss Briggs will interest you. Oitside of yourself she is the only one who is really anxxxx desirifous to be of help or make some suggestions. I am sure if it is in her power she will get me on the Syllabus of the dramat ic co-operative society. I also wrote the Pax Players Association But have not yet received a reply. I heard from the Cardiff drama people. They will consider having me when they make up their Syllabus. Everything in England moves with deadly slowness. No wonder Barr is as he is. I have stopped writing him. What is the use since he does not even answer? I don't think it is because he got £3. from you and ten dollars from me. It is that the man is a walking corpes. You bet if I had anyone else to look after the details I would not bother about Barr. Like you I grow frantic when people move like snails. But who is there? I don't know a soul. Do you?

You are right about the Sweetloves. They have become fright fully close fisted. They did not used to be that way. I cannot account for it except of growing indifference. I did think that if you could get them and Daniel they might be willing to contrib ute to some kind of a fund. Frankly I am very much discouraged. Indeed if I did not have your interest, willingness and energy to rely upon I'd have to give up England. The everlasting sturgle,

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struggle, always more or less single handed is wearing me out. The daily shocks and disappointments ~~xxx~~ do not add to my cheer. But so long as you will stick I will return of course. You know the saying about the one just man who induced the Lord to save the city. Well, ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ it is your interest that will bring me back to England, perhaps earlier than you expect me.

Thanks a lot for placing the ad. I wish to all the saints someone would buy the damned place. It ravishingly beautiful but what is the use keeping it? Formerly, when people could afford to travel it gave extatic joy to many of my friends and to me. Now it merely erves a few months in the year and then I am alone most of the time. Such luxury is not for me. So I hope some one will want it. Or at least take it off my hands from Oct until next June.

Poor Auntie she is having one heel of a time. She writes you suggested she should come to England for a week. How can she? Her stay in England ruined her business and came nearly being taken away from her altogether. She is a brave soul and she will fight on I know. I am so glad she has you to be of some help.

It rained here for seral days. But now the sun is out in full force. And the birds are singing beautifully. They give a damn~~xxx~~ for the wolrds woe, or for any personal sorrows. Alas I am not a bird. The news of my brothers battle with date leaves me limp and broken. He is going on by means of morphine though there is no hopes for recovery. And his unfortunate wife is in a room near him in the hospital clinging desperately to the last straw. But life goes on and so does the daily task. Even such pain as the condition of my belovod brother does not reco ncile me to dis

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order and dirt. I found my place in a dreadful condition and have been engaged as a light domestic servant ever since.. The worst job is my battle with ants. The house is overrun by them. They seem to like my room and my night table best. They insist on sharng the orunge jáuce I drink at night. Petrol seems to drive them away but not for long. Besides it would prove too costly and it smells up my room. I am trying to discover their hiding place.I have failed so far. So you see my dear my struggle goes on if not with and for human ants not nearly so intelligent as the other

Please my dear do take time as soon as you can to write me a real letter. I do need to hear from you more than you realize.

Affectionately

So glad Beryl had a holiday. Give her my love.

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Bearsville - June 18th

Dearest:

The Bremen sails tomorrow and though I have no news, I feel your isolation so keenly that I must get a letter off to you by every sailing. I wait for news as you do and feel just as cut off. Ruth wrote a couple of days ago that Isy Miller saw Moe and his condition is unchanged. If I could possibly get away I would go to Huntington again, even if I couldn't see him, but I have my unbreakable chains too, so I wait ---

Kate came yesterday to stay a few days with me. She tells me Angelica is getting the best of care, still has two weeks in a private room in a good AMERICAN hospital, is surrounded by friends, [redacted].

Ruth is still depressed. She has a leave of absence from her job till August 31st and I am urging her to go back to work. Had a long, coherent letter from her, asking if she and Bob could come up fo the 4th of July week-end. Naturally I said yes. They may even brin the baby. She gave a birthday party for the baby June 12th, her first and ran the whole thing herself. She always asks for you. I sent her your message and urged her to write you.

Kate delivered the stockings to Syd - three pairs for you one pair for Emmy - last week - they should reach you in plenty of time for your birthday.

I keep writing to Babsie - but it is like sending word out into the void. That she acts strangely in her ghastly situation is easy enough to understand.

It is rotten to find lovely Bon Esprit neglected. It is like a violation of one's privacy and decency to find one's home filthy with someone's else's dirt. I have had that experience and it made me ill, so I understand perfectly how you felt.

We all long for what we have not. It seems to me if I could get away somewhere for a few days of privacy and peace, it would be heaven. I am never alone and every minute is taken up with service to others and the mechanics of living, so there is no time left for reflection or the things of the spirit - but life is like that.

I wish there was a single thing I could think of to cheer you. I feel Moe is already gone. This flickering life, drugged with morphine, lingering on, is no longer our Moey. My only prayer is that sleep comes now for Babsie's sake.

Kate is enclosing a few lines. I can only add that this blow that has come to you and me only draws me closer to you, my darling. Saxe or I will cable at once.

Devoted love.

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Dear E. & G.,

I am very late in replying to your letter sent from England in February. Excuse me. I was hard at work and not in good health until quite recently. Much work to do in V. from February to April. Then an increase of bronchitis and in this state I came here (April 27) and had a relapse in May (cold was the) and am as well as possible only since June 11 when the warm weather at last has begun. So I was indoors here most of the time and wrote 400 pages of the revised and somewhat enlarged French book on the Life of Bakunin, a book meant to be readable, embracing all materials, but still treating each subject as thoroughly and completely as I can, but omitting endless details.

I wrote this last year in Jan.—Feb., on 410 pages, and it was two volumes for a Paris editor. Then I wrote it again and there are 501 pages of copy now. I am happy to tell you that the friends of the Revista Blanca will issue it first, in a Spanish translation, in 2 volumes of 250—300 pages each — a pendant to their 2 vol. edition of my book on Reclus, of about 600 pages the two volumes. So there was or is some publishing luck for me instore for once, I am delighted that the 1935 text was not printed in Paris and I had great pleasure to rewrite, rearrange and complete it.

This and two long articles for the review here and the Bronchitis + crowded out the writing of letters. So do excuse me. I just sent cards to J.B. I hope Rudolf will have all received or are receiving on your behalf in St. Tropez. Probably here also real spring and summer are late this year, but now they have come and the flowers will be so much the better of for all the rain.

Has not Spain recovered wonderfully after the misery of the years 1933—35? Is there not some revival in France where the people are doing

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now in a rush, sarcastically what the syndicalists and socialists have not done for forty years? Has not public opinion in England made a really moral stand against the Italian outrages? Even in Vienna people begin to breathe again. I know nothing about the "dead countries", Russia, Italy, Germany — will these waves reach and sweep them: that is the question.

But I know one thing, that is, that anarchists — except in Spain where they are a living reality, part of the soil, dabbled like the mountains — have nowhere else done anything to be known once more as an intellectual and ethical power — and therefore they are ignored by everyone and all the European movements (Spain excepted) go back in the authoritarian direction and, inevitably, are but preparing the way for some sort of fascism. This goes back to all the authoritarian infiltrations into anarchism ever since 1917/18, — a degeneration which only Malatesta consequently resisted; but his activities were crippled by the virtual forcible separation from the European movements. So anarchism lost every hold on public opinion, as it was weakening itself and pandering to authoritarian expedients. The few who saw this, said nothing or their voices passed unheard.

So, when at last, there is some awakening, we are exulting nowhere — outside of Spain, — just as if we were some forgotten old religious sect or some almost extinct diminute nationality in some hole or corner.

This is really too bad and the 1914 to 1936 period is the darkest of anarchism and I do not see anybody awakening to the tragical reality of the situation. Berkman was always awake in

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does his best — he is unique in Spain. Your hopes at Easter 1928 — where are they now? — I am not despairing — but we all must first educate ourselves once more, that we might have <u>something of importance to say to the people</u> — at present we can only rehash Kropotkin, listen to Faure's rhetorics, leave everything practical to a syndicalist organisation and — that is all. We have wasted, that is we have never cared to know the really wonderful work done by, and left by Bakunin, Reclus, Malatesta — all that was neglected for one portion (the outside part) of Kropotkin's work, whilst the real, the complete Kropotkin was neglected and remains ignored <u>also</u>, just like Bakunin, Reclus, Malatesta. To me have remained the easiest, outside portions of an anarchist thought, and have shirked the real intellectual work.

For all this we pay now by sinking into utter oblivion (outside of Spain).

Your own voice is silent since 1916, as the Russian books are only the mending of a mistake made and do not carry us further ahead, except in the postscriptum or the last chapter: this ought to have been expanded into a wonderful book long since, and I still hope that this will be done. —

Look at the Spanish volumes which Sanitillan brings out almost month by month:

— Fabbri, The Thought [ideology] of Malatesta, 240 p.!
— myself, Anarchy through the ages, 343 p.
— Proudhon, Confessions of a Revolutionist, 278 p. (1919)

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— Rocker, Nationalism, vol. I — 246p.
[vol. II, III to come]
— Berkman, ABC (being printed)
— Nicolai, Biology of war [several volumes; in preparation].

all such books Spanish readers should have and in America absorb mentally by mouth as issued by their own people — what is being done elsewhere I count to nothing more. So the result is less than nothing also.

I am of the revolutionists now and almost extinct — but your sturdy generation of expert men and women of the sixties ought to recover the lost ground — the younger people do not know and cannot do it. They are all drifting in the authoritarian direction if your generation does not stay this current.

The friends are all well here — young Vida, born November 1933, is already the foremost of them. Her mother took her yesterday to the officials of the municipality who wished to learn all about anarchism. She spoke calmly in Seville in the bullfight arena before 40,000 and was kept to Catalan indoors before 10,000. Here she spoke at the immense meeting of the C.N.T. in the arena before 60,000. She was much active at the Saragossa Congress of the C.N.T. — some 500 delegates with 600 reports of the practical realization of libertarian communism — heads in the committee to resume these 600 reports and was about the most sensible person of it — so her good and free commonsense often prevailed. Sincerely yours, Th. N.

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Dear Madam,

I have been approached by the London Co-operative Societies Joint Education Committee to assist them in arranging a programme for a week-end school in Drama, Saturday and Sunday, October 31st and November 1st, 1936. They saw your programme of lectures in "Drama", and would very much like to have you lecture to them on either The Russian or the American Theatre. They are interested in the theatre from the Workers' point of view. The exact subject of the lecture could perhaps be settled later, when it is decided what other lecturers there will be.

In the meantime, would you be good enough to let me know if you would be willing to give them a lecture on Saturday, October 31st from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. and whether you would accept a fee of 2 guineas for this?

The school will be held in London at some building of the Co-operat Society, but I have not yet been told where it is.

May I ask if you yourself are a producer, or have been ever actively working in the theatre, or is your interest in it from the point of view of the onlooker? Forgive me for not knowing these things. I know you more as a political speaker.

Yours faithfully,

L. Frances Mackenzie

Schools Organizer.

Miss Emma Goldman,
Bon Esprit,
St. Tropaz Var
France

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Dear Miss Goldman,

Since typing the enclosed letter I have heard from Miss Fitzgerald that the Customs are asking her for 200 dollars Customs duty on the Berkman plates unless she can show documents or give evidence of their export in 1925. Apparently Miss Fitzgerald has kept no record but we have searched our correspondence with you and find you advised us on 20th. October, 1925 that Miss Fitzgerald had told you they were sent per.S.S.Merchant Marine. The agents who handled the plates here were Messrs.Runciman (London) Ltd., Ship Insurance Brokers, 52 Leadenhall Street, London, E.C.3. but I fear after eleven years they will have no records. In accordance with the rule operating in all our businesses, documents ~~are documents~~ are destroyed after seven years.

I have written Miss Fitzgerald giving her what information I can but if you can supplement it will you kindly write her direct. The address is:

Miss M. E. Fitzgerald,
155 East 49th Street,
NEW YORK CITY,
U.S.A.

Yours sincerely,
C W Daniel

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St Tropez Var. June 19th 36.

Editor
THE DAILY MANCHESTER GUARDIAN
CHARLTON HOUSE,
Manchester
England.

Dear Sir[illegible] :

Amidst the glad tidings from Soviet Russia of the new Constitution and its guarantees of "free speech, free press, and freedom of conscience", and other such [illegible]-making changes under the Soviet Dictatorship, it will prove somewhat of a jolt to your readers to learn that political terror and prosecution go merrily on. The inclosed document concerning the widow of Erich Mühsam will prove the case in point.

Perhaps you do not remember the fate of Erich Mühsam, I want therefore to mention that it caused indignation in liberal and other circles all over the world.

Erich Mühsam, one of Germanys' foremost poets, was among the first victims of the Nazi regime. For eighteen month he underwent fiendish tortures in Hitlers concentration camps and finally he was murdered there. Now his widow is under arrest in Moscow and is in danger of meeting a fate no less tragic if not as terrible as her husbands'

Mrs Zenzl Mühsam went to Russia a year ago at the express invitation of Helena Stassowa, the head of the MOPR (Mopr). She had known Mrs Mühsam for years, while the Mühsams lived in Germany. Mrs Mühsam knew of course knew her husbands' attitude to the political persecution going on in the so-called Socialist Republic. He had refused repeatedly Soviet invitations

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to Russia. He held that persecution of revolutionists for opinions sake is a travesty on the Russian revolution and Socialism. Mrs Mühsam was aware of it and she was also warned by friends not to be lured by the invitation of Mme Stassova. Yet xxxx she went. The explanation of her foolhardy action was her passionate desire to have her husbands' works published in Russia. The poems and and other writings of Erich Mühsam should serve as a monument to her martyred husband, Erich Mühsam. She had been promised that. So she went to Russia.

After she had turned over the MSS. to the Soviet authorites, the latter simply "disposed" of her. Mrs Mühsam can in no sense be considered dangerous to the Soviet regime. A rebel and fighter by nature, she yet belonged to no political party. ~~Her~~ Her great interest was humanitarian, the care and succor of the Nazi victims irrespective of their political affiliations. Her arrest is, therefore more reprehensible than if she were an political opponent of the Soviet government.

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I inclose a document referring to the fate of Mrs Ehrem. You will understand that it is impossible to give you the name of my informant. He is still in Russia and it would involve dire consequences to him were his name to become known. I can assure you, however, of the absolute integrity and trustworthyness of the source.

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Sincerely.

Emma Goldman
Bon Esprit Var
France.

P.S. Inclosed please find postage for a copy of your issue that will contain my letter and the inclosed. Freinds in England are sending me the WEEKLY GUARDIAN. But I do not see the DAILY.

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(C O P Y)

St. TROPEZ, (VAR), June 19th., 36.

To the Editor,
"THE MANCHESTER GUARDIAN",
Guardian Bldg.,
Manchester. England.

Dear Sir,

Amidst the glad tidings from Soviet Russia of the new Constitution and its guarantees of "free Speech", "free press" and "freedom of conscience", and othersuch epoch-making changes under the Soviet Dictatorship, it will prove somewhat of a jolt to your readers to learn that political terror and persecution go merrily on. The enclosed document concerning the widow of Erich Mühsam will prove the case in point.

Perhaps you do not remember the fate of Erich Mühsam, I want therefore to mention that it caused indignation in Liberal and other circles all over the world.

Erich Mühsam, one of Germany's foremost poets, was among the first victims of the Nazi regime. For eighteen months he underwent fiendish tortures in Hitler's concentration camps and finally he was murdered there. Now his widow - Mrs. Zenzl Mühsam - is under arrest in Moscow and is in danger of meeting a fate no less tragic, if not so terrible as her husband's.

Mrs. Zenzl Mühsam went to Russia a year ago at the express invitation of Helena Stassova, the head of the Rote Hilfe (MOPR). She had known Mrs. Mühsam for years, while the Mühsams lived in Germany. Mrs. Mühsam, of course, knew her husband's attitude to the political persecution going on in the so-called Socialist Republic. He had refused repeatedly Soviet invitations to Russia. He held that persecution of revolutionists for opinions' sake is a travesty on the Russian Revolution and on Socialism. Mrs. Mühsam was aware of it and she was also warned by friends not to be lured by the invitation of Mme. Stassova. Yet she went. The explanation of her foolhardy action was her passionate desire to have her husband's works published in Russia. The poems and other writings of Erich Mühsam should serve as a monument to her martyred husband. She had been promised that. So she went to Russia.

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Sincerely,

(sgd.) EMMA GOLDMAN,
Bon Esprit, St. Tropez
(Var)France

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE WIDOW OF ERICH MUHSAM

Reported Under Arrest in Moscow

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The letter I have received comes from an entirely trustworthy source, though I must not mention the name of the writer, who is still in Russia. The letter says, among other things:

> I regret to tell you (which I can now do more definitely) that the lecture tour allegedly undertaken recently by Zensl is a lie. . . . "For the present" Zensl is still in prison, and none of her many friends "there" will dare to take any steps in her behalf. For every one there lives in constant fear of a similar fate, and therefore nothing remains except making the case known abroad. . . . You see how other similar cases are kept secret (there are only too many of them) and how difficult it is to do anything about it. . . .

Though favourable to the Soviet experiment, the "Manchester Guardian," unlike other Liberal publications, has always been broad enough to publish disclosures of the sad plight of the politicals in Russia. It is this which induces me to write to you in behalf of the latest victim, Mrs. Zensl Mühsam. She is in imminent danger of exile to some Soviet concentration camp, and the only means to save her is publicity in the Liberal and Labour press.—Yours, &c.,

EMMA GOLDMAN.

Var, France, June 10.

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June 19. 6 A.M. 2467

Dear - That business with Saby is rotten. The greatest outrage I have ever heard of in our ranks. Or in general, for I never regarded S as a comrade.

Well, I wrote Mollie & Tell Saby to go to Hell & not to pay a cent. Donations, especially after 10 years, are not to be demanded back again.

I do not remember all the details but you certainly do & I suppose you must also have your copy. Ask Saby. Did you give him that amount (50 pounds?) and did he suggest that you return it that way? (Tahiti, part to Mollie, part to me, etc.) Or was it a suggestion you make to Saby.

How much did Mollie actually get? Fifty pounds on 30 pounds? But I get the other 20 pounds, and if so, what business is it of Mollie & promise to return the 20 pounds that I got!

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I don't get the figures straight from Ed's letter. Make them clear to me, dear.

as to Jubin's despising me, it is not on Emma's list + it has not been requested at the Ansters.

as to your account, I am not clear whether you "owe" me or I "owe" you. Please tell me, and anyhow, tell me if you need any money anyhow.

I see from your recent letter that all you got from Saby was 50 pounds. As you sent me 20 pounds, Saby now can Saby on Emma demand 50 pounds from Modlie & Russ S + Modlie make a stupid mistake in promising 50 for 5000 fr. a month. Somehow it must be stopped.

Unless she will open yet. I get o'clock, paper weight, & switches in other place & make them, would probably cost more than Cohn will be getting in St. Tr. — Will send them for Cohn when he goes [illegible] you. Not known yet whether Sasha comes in Sat or Sunday.

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Emma's machine does not work at all - not a single line. In fact something happens to it & the whole holder is involved & does not budge. That's why E. could not type on the last letter I returned to you. She can't type well on my machine - it's too different from hers.

I have returned & you all the letters, except Justice's. I will send it later.

Must close now. Did I have coffee yet. It's 6.30 am. now. Out of coffee.

Here enough. O.K. Sam getting stronger & E. getting better again. How are you feeling, dear? I hope Ray don't suffer so much. By the way, have you found any orchestras to be placed — and any chances? Ray sends us recent photos of his dear. Aff.

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759 Bathurst St.,
Toronto, Ont.,
June 19, 1936.

Dearest Emma:

I most certainly deserve a good, sound scolding for not writing you in such a long time. This laxness was not due to a good position, or to my having fallen in love, as you suspect. I suppose it is due to just plain laziness because in the past year I have worked exactly two and a half months so it cannot be due to lack of time.

It made me very happy to learn from your letter to my Dad that your very dear friend and comrade, Alexander Berkman, is well on the road to recovery. I can readily understand what dreadful agony and strain you must have undergone and what a relief it must be to you to know that he is gaining his strength back again.

The correspondence which you asked me to forward to the comrades in Toronto and friends in Montreal has been attended to. I received a card from Marjorie Goldstein in Montreal and also a lovely letter from Gussie Jaffe in Montreal acknowledging the receipt of the letters.

Dearest Emma, thank you ever so much for the ten shillings you sent me. I used some of it for postage and the rest on some things that I needed. If you have any other work that I can do, please do not hesitate to send it. I will be only too glad to type it for you.

I am enclosing copies of some letters that will interest you. An article by Pierre Van Paassen appeared in the Daily Star last month in which Van Paassen accused the Anarchists, or rather the Anarcho-Syndicalists with having Fascists as members in their organizations and do not have them expelled. Thornberg was very much upset over this and wrote him a personal letter. Van Paassen's reply will interest you.

No, I never see Carl, but I will try and get in touch with him. He never comes to any of the group meetings.

I am taking this opportunity, my dearest Emma, to wish you a very happy birthday and hope that you may live to see that your life-long struggle for freedom and well-being was not in vain.

With love and devotion,

Millie

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June 19th
1936

Mrs. E. G. Colton-
c/o A. Berkman
101 Blvd. de Cessole. 101
Nice, France

Dear Emma,

There is a friend of mine in New York who has special facilities for selling MSS. and he is willing to sell this one of your friend, Mrs. Gordon-Crotch. He wants to know whether the four sheets of the Lawrence MSS. is in Lawrence's own handwriting or typewritten. Also whether these four sheets contain only an extract or are complete in themselves. Besides answering these questions you should send me either the original four sheets or typewritten copies of them. I will then let you know what I can get for them.

I wrote to Mrs. Jeanne Levey after trying very hard to get an Ad, but was unable to.

Mimi Stark graduates from Ann Harbor to-day and Beverly receives her Master's from Magill. As a reward the two girls and their brother are being sent by the Starks to Europe for the summer in a few weeks.

Doris Isaacs died shortly after she penned a few lines to you to my previous letter of April 28th.

With kind regards from the family, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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June 19, 1936.

Dearest Emma,

I have purposely postponed writing you as long as possible. But I cannot let your birthday go by without a letter. I wish I could make that letter what the occasion demands and what you deserve. You certainly must know all the good wishes and love that I want you to have on that day, but even that seems too little to say in a letter that ought to be devoted in its entirety to Moe. I have not written about him after any one of my visits for a very good reason. Simply put, it is that no knowledge you would have of his condition would do him any good. In addition, youwould be absolutely powerless to help him, as is everyone else. What then would it avail you, or him, to have bedside bulletins? No doubt Stella wrote you after her visit. I have no way of knowing what she said, yet I am sure her reportx was as accurate as it must have been harrowing to you.

I get almost nightly reports from the hospital, and they are always the same: "No change." And I fear no change can be expected for a long time, as it may even be weeks before the end comes mercifully. When it does come, I shall notify you by cable.

Perhaps you do not know what happened. If not, I shall try to give you a brief résumé. Almost six weeks ago, Moe was taken to the Huntington Hospital following an embolism in his left leg. This embolism, or blood clot, cut off the circulation below the knee, and brought the inevitable sequela of gangrene. For a time there was debate about amputation, but that was ruled out because of the heart condition. Nothing could be done except keep him comfortable under morphine and hope that circulation would be restored. It is apparent that there must be a very small measure of circulation, else the gangrene would get progressively worse, which it has not done. There have been attendant complications, but none of a critical nature, alas. I say that alas because it would be unmerciful to want anything else. Thanks to any the heart remains active while he is fed and gives him little trouble.

Moe is having the best care that can be obtained. He has three shifts of nurses and the most eminent specialists that can be summoned. Almost anything can happen, and you should be prepared for a final cable immediately after this letter, if indeed one does not precede it.

I write youkso objectively about it because to do otherwise would be to confuse you with my emotions rather than make clear to you what you want to know. I am terribly sorry to have to write this way, and of all times for your birthday.

There is little to add about me and mine. My babies had their tonsils and adenoids removed last week and are flourishing again. By a lucky chance

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we have been given a house near Van Cortland Park in exchange for our apartment. It means that I have an hour's ride to the office in the morning. But when I get home at night, the peace and quiet of the outskirts of the city are balm to me. The house is very beautiful, and an ideal place for the kids and for Dorothy. There she can work undisturbed on her winter's programs. We have a piano.

Apparently Ruth is much better. Not entirely cured, but well enough to face reality and make a good adjustment. I count it a victory all around.

I have been working as hard as ever, but that's nothing because I love it. Smee, who has been ill, is gradually getting better. She really won't know whether her cure is effective until after the end of the summer. In the meantime she is back at work, and may even come out to visit us for a little while this summer.

I have said nothing about Babsie and had meant not to, only because I feared that it would add to your anxieties. On second thought, and since it is not so serious as Smee's condition, there is no reason why I shouldn't speak of it. The poor girl is terribly run down, thin and exhausted. It's not to be wondered at, when one considers the martyrdom she has endured for the last few years and must endure during these awful days and weeks of waiting for the inevitable.

How is Sash? Give him our love. I take it that no further news of him is really good news.

With all my deepest devotion on your birthday and always thereafter.

Saxe

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REDACCIÓN Y ADMINISTRACIÓN:
P.º SANTA MARÍA DE LA CABEZA, 26

20th 1936

Dear comrade,

We have received your letter which gave as great pleasure to know that we shall have un article from your pen for "Free Women", whose fiarst number was a great success.

In conjunction with this magazine we intend to form adult classes in elemental teaching to prepare good propaganda wobkers of which we stand so much in need.

We would appreciate an artlicle before the sixth. of July.

We ask for help with great insistence because we feel sure that if a few of the ablest foreign comrades could help us here we should then make great strides every where which now is so difficult for want of efficient preparation. There are very few comrades who can show the way and make clear our ideas, this is perhaps an advantage for communist organizations.

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What would be best for us,would be for you to come and work here with us but if this is not possible,then help us as much as you can from afar.

Greetings from "Free Women"

M. Comaposada

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This statement by the I.W.A., is not bad. Let us hope that it will bring some good results.

Gaby's address: Gabriel Jawschitz, 28, Ave. D'Orléans (2, Square Henri-Delormel) Paris (14e).

Dearest good soul, we gave Erma 100 frs. and promised faithfully to pay out what we owe them. We mean to keep our word as we dont want to be indebted to neither Gaby nor Erma.

Darling, I am sure you would feel the same as we do if you would have heard Erma when she first came up to us (without Gaby) . Now, she is somewhat embarrassed. For, a package of letters which Gaby left with Senya when he went to the U.S.A., and which they now looked over, p r o v e d to her 2 things: first that the money Gaby let you have WAS NOT HERS, secondly, that I did not get any 50 pounds. And now comes the mean character: in order to get herself out of the mass in which she got herself in, she charges us (and this is really the limit!) with a lie! She doesn't remeber having said that the money belonged to her... -- as if Senya and I could invent such a statement -- and in general, she didn't say that, and didn't means this..... This is worse than I ever could expect of her. And the whole thing is very petty and terribly disagreeable, and I beg you to understand us Emmotchka when we don't want to be obliged to such people..... I prefer any kind of a secrifice to that.

Emma dear, you say you are sorry for me, but after we read your letter we felt very sorry for you! Not enough that you had so m a n y unpleasant things to live through the last several months, this damned business had to come up to poison your quiet few days in St.Tropez! Really, life is sometimes too sad!!!

We both embrace you Emmotchka and send you our most hardent love and devotion.

P.S. We had a beautiful letter from our dear Sasha.
He asked whether his expulsion couldn't be annulled now.
I immediately spoke to Volin and we are going to try.
We ought "to beat the iron while it's hot..."

Mollie

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St Tropez Var June 20th 36.

Dear Shloime. The inclosed copy of my letter to the Manchester Guardian will show you that I do not lead a domestic life merely. There is always some outrage to protest against and some unfort unate creature ot help. I hope the Guardian will bring my letter and the one from someone in Moscow which I inclosed to the.

I wonder if you would care to watch for the Daily Guardian? The letter may appear directly it reach them, Tuesday or Wed. or some time next week. If it does I shall want some copies. Meanwhile can you have the inclosed typed for me on thin paper, about a doezen coipes. But I must have it right away. It will not cost much even if you have topay for it. Whats become of the "young, nice, good looking and decent" man who is to be my secretary. Could he not type the letter. I need some copies. I have made seven myself. But it is the worst kind of job for me to do typing. I am a rotten typist in the first place. Abd my poor old back and neck hirt like the deuce if I am at the machine very long. Do try to find someone who will type this quickly.

Nothing further to day. I am in an hurry as the postman will be here directly.

Affectionately.

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St Tropez June 20th 36.

Molitchka, my Darling. I hope I will have an answer from you to my letter asking for Gabys address. The more I think of Irmas impud dence the worst I feel. As if it were not enough that Gaby goes back to ten years ago about his rotten money which he never con sidered a loan. It was I who ~~insisted~~ insisted that it should be that and nothing else. If I had considered it a gift I would not have asked him whether I can let you have $150 of it, and if I may send Sasha twenty as a contribution to the fund while he was writing the A.B.C. It is the most contemptible piece of money claimes I have come accross.

As I presumed I can find nothing among my Canadian correspondence of 26,37 or even 28. Nothing from Gaby. I have evidently distroyed everything I considered useless when I prepared fro my departure to England last Nov. I was so overstacked with all sorts of meaningless letters, or ~~papers~~ containing little of importance I had to get rid of some to make room for my newer correspondence. So I have no record. The only thing is that once I asked Gaby for permission to let you have part of the amount he lent me I must have done it at some time and some form. You surely know that I would not withold anything intended for anybody and least of all for you. Not if I myself had to go hungry. I must have given you the balance of the $150 when I returned from Canada. I had money then from the fund that had been raised for L.M.L.

However, all that had no bearing on Gaby or Irma. They h Nothing on earth can excuse their action to call on you for the return of what Gaby consented should be a gift. Even if you were in the best physical condtion Irma had no right or justifycation to call on you. And in your present condition it was the most

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brutalact. It strikes me as rather phony that Gaby never said a word about money in 28th when he knew I had money of thefund raised to enable me to write L.M.L. Ot in 29. when he knew my work had been accepted by Knopf and I had receives a large sum of royalties. The only explanation that he did not exact the return of the loan is that he never considred it as such. Else why would he have given me permission to ~~xxxxxx~~let you have thirty pounds and Sasha twenty. Fact is he never considred the money as a laon though I did.And that is why he consented to my letting you have the £30 and Sasha the £20. I never would have taken the liberty to dispose of Gabys money in that manner if he had not agreed to it.

Darling I had hoped to get a letter from you with Gabys address. Why have you not sent it? I simply must write him and straighten out the matter. A letter from Sasha agrees with me that it is "the greatest outrage ~~xxx~~ in our ranks,or in general And he agrees with me that you should have sent Emma about her business and Gaby to go to hell. Sasha also writes that you and Senia have ade a mistake in promising to pay off 500 francs a month. Neither Emma or Gaby have any claime on you. If they think they have claimes which of course they have not, they should have written me and not you. Please my dear, I MUST HAVE GABYS ADDRESS AT ONCE.

Inclosed is a copy I wrote the Manchester Guardian If I can get through making copies of my letter to the Nation I will also inclose a copy. I have written for the addresses of two labor papers in London and Scotland. If I get them I will also write them. Also I will send copies to Reveil and Mercedes.and of course the Freie Arb.Stimme. I can and ~~xxx~~ would not write Fisher.

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I consider him absolutely unscrupulous and dishinest in his artices on Russia, and I do not want to have any direct dealings with him But Meta might write him and tell him of her position in the Social ist ranks in Germany. That will be enough.

Please my dearest do not worry about the Gaby Erma Meschantsvo. You need all your strength to overcome your suffesring and the matter is too trfiling to merit worry.

By the way darling I wish you would try an osteopath. They would tell you in the American hospital if there is a good one in Paris. Osteopath use no drugs of any kind. They have a very efficient system of massage which nay help to rest the cheek bones. You can lose nothing. You will certainly not be subjected to such pain as the treament has caused you so far. And a first rate ostheopath nay bring you relief. Please try one.

With much love to Senia and yourself.

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St Tropez June 20th 36.

Sash,my Dear. Thanks for the quick return of the letters,and for your editorial job on it. I typed the Guardian letter yesterday. I tried to be particularly careful.It took me over an hour to make 7 copies. I have only eight letters wrongly typed. I call that a good record. Now don't laugh. If you knew what misery typing causes me and how I try not to strike the wrong letter you would sympathise with me. I am sending the Guardian letter off to day. The one to the Nation will not sail until Wed.anyhow so there is time. I looked up Zenel's letters. She writes it as written here,with S not Z at the end. I don't know why Meta and her friend in Moscow should write it with double Z. Her signature is clear it is ZENSL So I corrected it in the translation as well to have it uniform. Alright about Mühsahm.I spelt it this way.

Thanks also for the Poslednі. What a tragedy about Trotzky. If people would or could learn from experience and history one would think Trotzky would have more than enough of dictatorship. But he like everybody else goes on believing he could do it so much better.So everybody goes on making the same ever recurring bluner, the individual as well as the mass.

What a magnificient showing the strikers in France have made? I wonder would they have been strong enough to hold out had Blum acted as the god damned Socialits in Belgium. The force was used from the very beginning. Anyway,the French workers have set a grand example. Of course it's the old economic law. If they will work forty hours a week and get higher pay the cost of living will go up. Just the same as a fighting method the strike on the job has proven most effective. You will see by the

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letter of Sahia which I inclose that he bears me out in my stand that we Anarchists seem doomed to always advance ideas which others turn into action for their own ends. And we also seem doomed to fetch the chestnuts out of the fires for others to enjoy. It is sad that the masses do not realize this and that we have no movement to speak of that could draw them into our ranks.

I have at last cleaned your room and the boudoire. Believe me it needed some doings.But it is nice and clean now. After I have gone over the house and cellar once more I will turn to other jobs. Though you needn't think I have neglected my correspondence with England which so far has brought but pitiful results, or America. Had a letter at last from Nellie, the first in a year or so. She disliked the climate in Calif.Imagine.And of course she disliked Hollywood. She is in New York and hopes to establish her self there. I hope so too.For what else would the poor thing do?

The news from Stella about Moe is ghastly. Strange about his heart that it can hold out so much and so long. They keep him on mophine all the time to save him the agony in his leg. Stella writes he has the biggest men in New York and three nurses. As for medical science it has proven once more the fake of its boast. To me Babsies lot is even more terrible than Moes. She has a room in the hospital next to him.And Stella writes;"she sits and waits" She allows no one of the family to visit Moe.Not even Saxe. I cannot imagine why.Unless he haw chaged so much in appearance that she hates to have anyone of the family see him. That would be foolish of course. But who can account for human notions when they are so stricken as Babsie. I won't go in to tell you how I feel about the two.

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I am much relieved that you and E. are feeling a bit better. Keep it up my deare. I wonder were you really able to meet Michael, and has he arrived to day. I suppose you will write me.

Affectionate greetings to Emmy and your self.

Emma

No,swatters,(do I spell the damned word right?) I have fixed our old ones,they do the job. A scale for letters is very necessa ary if it can be gotten cheaply, You ought to have one as well. Your letter yesterday had a tax of fifty centimes. I dare say mine have it often. But there is no hurry for the scale.

The letter carri- will be here soon. So I must close Give my best greetings of welcome to Michael and his family.I wrote him to the boat.

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Miss Frances Mackenzie
School organiser
The British Drama League
9, Fitzroy Square
London W.1.

Dear Miss Mackenzie. Thank you so much for your letter of the 18th inst. Miss Briggs was good enough to write me that I might hear from the London Co-operative Societies Joint Education Committee in re some bookings. I am delighted to know that they have turned to you.

Yes, I will be glad to lecture for that organisation Oct 31st. It would suite me better than the First of Nov. as I may have to be elsewhere for a lecture on that date.

For your information in re my theatre qhalifications permit me to say that I was one of a group in the United States to help organise thw first little theatre in New York. In 1905 I became the manager of a troop of Russian players headed by Mme Nazimova and the late Paul Orleneff one of Russias supreme artists. I also manages M.Orleneffs productions in 1910. The same year a Boston house published my work on THE SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MODERN DRAMA. In 19 25,26 I represented the Provincetown Theatre and at the same time lectured on the Russian drama in Keiths House Hampstead, at which both Sir Barry Jackson and Mr Geoffrey Whitworth presided. In point of fact I have lectured on the drama and the theatre all over the U.S. and part of England for many years. And it is precisely from the angle of the workers that I have treated both.

I should very much like to speak for the CO-op society on the Russian drama theatte because it is so much richer than

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the theatre of most other countries. But it will be alright if the Society chooses the American theatre also a most instruct ive subject.

2 guineas are of course a very small fee, especially as there is no other expense such as travel and hospitality connecte with it. But if the CO-operative Societies Joint Educational C Committee can not offer more it will be alright. My soul means of livelyhood are my pen and my lectures. But my main interest is to break grounds in England where I am not as well known as inthe States.So I never argue fees.

Please let me hear from you directly the 31st of Oct.has been fixed by the CO-operative J.E.C.

Sincerely.

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St Tropez Var June 19th 36.

Miss Freda Kirchwey
Editor the NATION
20 Visey Street
New York City.

Dear Freda Kirchwey.

You no doubt remember the tragic end of Erich Mühsam. After fiendish tortures in the Nazi concentration camps he was foully killed. You had at the time a note about it in the NATION and I was informed that Louis Fisher had paid my heroic comrade a much deserved tribute, also in the NATION. It will probably surprise you that his widow, Zenzl Mühsam, is in dnager of meeting a fate not very different from that of Erich. No, not in Germany, but in Soviet Russia.

A month ago we received word from most reliable source in Moscow that Zenzl Mühsam had vanished from that city and that no trace could be found of her. Our friends kept the matter quiet because they wanted first to make inquiries as to the whereabouts of Mühsam's widow. They were informed that she had been sent on a lecture tour to the German Settlements on the Volga to inform the people about the horrors in Hitlers' concentration camps.

Old skeptic that I am about the wonderful stories of Soviet doings, I was yet willing to believe the explanation of Zenzl's disappearance. I should have known better. Years ago while in Moscow I inquired about Maria Spiridonovatxx. I was assured that she was recuperating in a sanatorium and was getting the best of care. But I soon discovered that the sanatorium was

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the Cheka prison, and the "best of care" was of the kind only the Cheka was in an habit of giving political opponents.

We received the inclosed note from the same person that had sent us information of Zensl's diappearance. You will see from it that I am not exaggerating. You understnad of course that the name of the writer cannot be divulged. But I can assure you that the source is absolutely trustworthy, an old friend of the Mühsams is familiar with Zensl's movements during the latters stay in Moscow.

Not by any stretch of imagination could Zensl be considered dangerous to the Soviet regime. While a rebel and fighter by nature and deep sympathy with the masses, she never belonged to any political party. She did, however, always devoted her energies to aid the political prisoners in Germany regardless of party affiliations. During the 18 months of Erich Mühsam's martyrdom she went about collecting provisions for the politicals in the same camp with Mühsam, she fought the Nazi prison authorities in behalf of the politicals prisoners and nearly came being incarcerated herself. Her arrest in Russia is therefore more reprehensible than if she had been an active opponent of Stalin's policies. Moreover, Zensl went to Russia at the espress invitation of Helena Stassova who (as you see by the inclosed note) is the head of the ROTE HILFE and who knows Zensl for years.

I think it was most foolhardy of Zensl to accept the invitation. She knew Erich Mühsam's attitude to the political terror in the "Soviet Republic". As a matter of fact he had refused repeatedly Soviet invitations to come to Russia. He

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said that he would never set foot in the land that was persecuting his comrades and other revolutionaries merely for opinion's sake. Zensl had also been cautioned by friends who knew what is going on under the tinsel show. Yet she went. And now she, like so many naive souls, is paying dearly for her foolish faith in the wonders that is Russia-on-paper .

I know Zensl well, and I know that she permitted herself to be persuaded by Stassova because of her passionate desire to see Erich's works published in Russia, as a living monument to him. Whereelse but in the workers Republic could she hope to see her one aim in life realized, she often wrote me. To be sure, Moscow secured possession of Erich Mühsam's MSS., and used his widow for its own propagenda. When they got through with her they put her safely out of touch with her friends.

I know how loath you are to publish anything disagreable about Russia. Yet I am certain that you will not suppress this information about Zensl Mühsam. I hope you will not wait until she has been exiled to some remote concentration camp no less harrowing than those of Germany. I am sure this will happen unless we can waken the liberal and radical conscience to some protest againsth the arrest of Erich Mühsam's widow. I therfore as you to publish the inclosed and my letter.

Cordially

Emma Goldman
St Tropez Var
France.

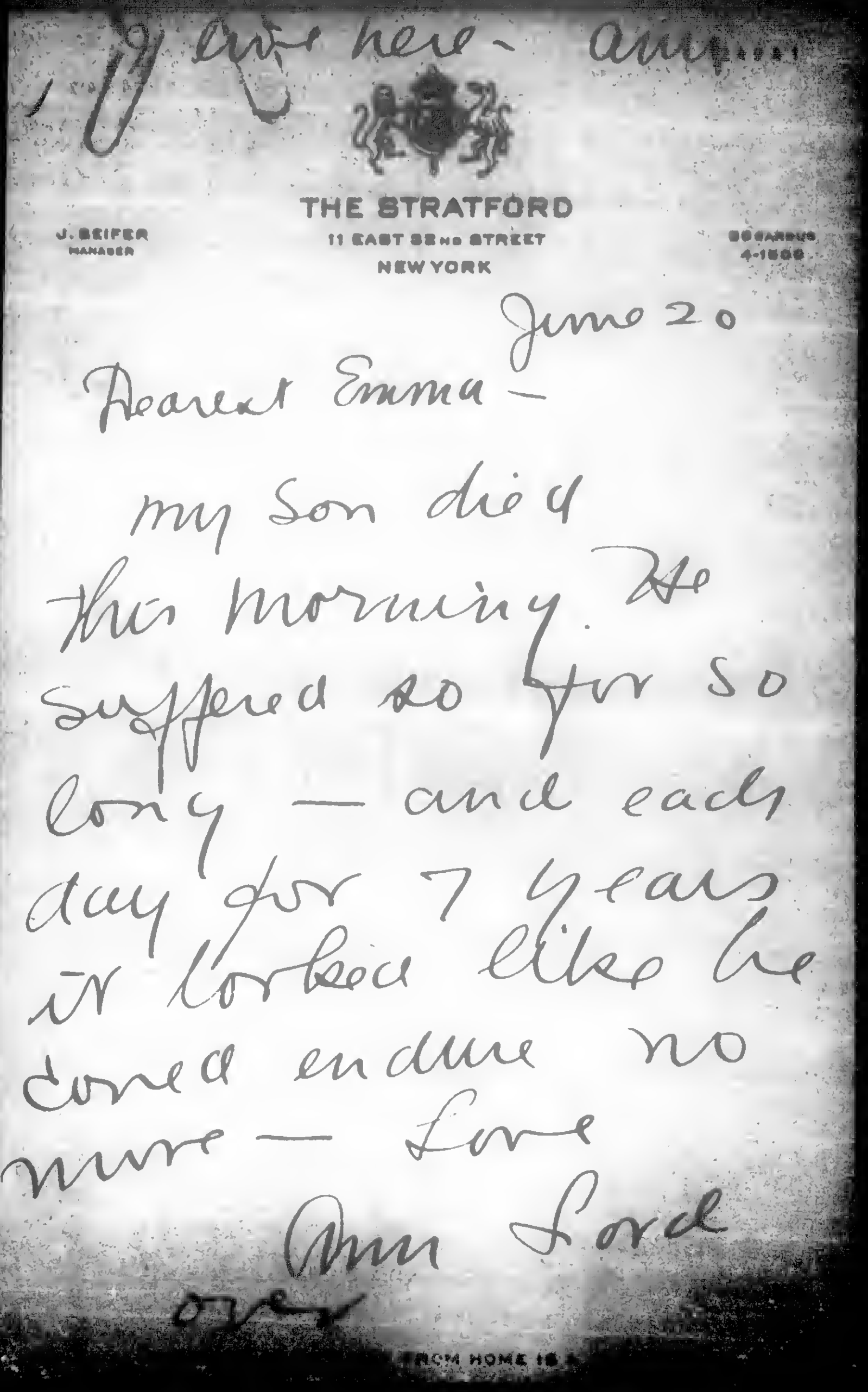
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J. REIFER
MANAGER

June 20

Dearest Emma —

my Son died
this morning. He
suffered so for so
long — and each
day for 7 years
it looked like he
could endure no
more — Love

Ann Lord

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.. איר זײַער האריקן בריוו באקומן.און נעווען זײַער צופרידן צו הערן אז איר און אונדזער ליבער בערקמאן.זײַנען נעזונט.און אײַערהויפט האט עס אונדז זײַער נעפרײַט אז בערקמאן איז שוין ארויס פון נעפענקניש אײַך זאגען אז מיר האבן זיך די נאנצע צײַט נעזארנט וועגן זײַן נעזונט.און מאקע דערפאר זײַנען מיר מער וויַ צו פרידן צו הערן אז ער וועט דעם זומער פארברענגן מיט אײַך און מיר זײַנען זיכער אזאיר וועט שוין זיין צו דעם אז ער זאל קומען צו זיך.וויַל נאכ־אלעמען האבן מיר נלויבט אײַן בערקמאן איז אונדזער אנארכיסטישער באוועגונג.און אײַך דענק אז בערקמאן האט פארדינט אז מען זאל עם שיצען אפילע וען מיר וואלטן נעהאט נאך בערקמאן־ם.

אײַרנ אײַך צו זאגן טיַרע עמא.אז אײַך וואלט נעווען מער צו פרידן וען אײַר שרײַבט מיר אפטער־ן ברוס פון מאריס־ן אײַך פארשטײַ וויַ אײַר לײַדט פון דעם אז דער וואס איז אײַך אזוי אײַנעפאקען אין הארצען איז אזוי קראנק און אײַר קאנט עם אפילע נים זיין.אבער לאמיר האפען אויף דאס בעסטע.

נעלײַענט מיט גרויס אינטערעס דעם מאטעריאל וואס אײַר האט צו נעשיקט מילי־ן און נעווען צופרידן צו הערן וועגן דעם דערפאלג וואס אײַר האט נעמאכט אין ענגלאנד וויַל נעמנדיק אין אנפאראכט אונמער וועלכע אומשטענדן אײַך איז אויס נעקומן צו ארבעטן אין ענגלאנד מוז דאס וואס אײַר האט אויפנעמאן נאטראכט וועלן פאר אדערפאלג.האלוויַ נים ערנער קומנדען יאר.

נעווײַס וועט אײַר זײַן צופרידן צו הערן אז אונדזער ליבער בערקמאן נרופע פארזאמלט זיך רעגעלמעסיק און וויפעל מיר האבן קרעטסטוען מיר אפיסל ארבעט דער נאנצער אפהאלט אונזערער איז וואס מיר האבן נים אינפלעקטועלע קרעפטן.וואס זאלן אונדז עפענלאך פארברעטען.דאך נעמען מיראנטיליאין נעווײַסע ארויסטרעטונגען אז מען וויַסען דער טאראנטער ראדיקאלער באוועגונג אז עס איז פארהאן אלבער־ט ער־אן־נרופע.וואס האט וואס צו זאגען און איַן צײַט.ליַדער קאן אײַך דאס נים זאגען וועגען אונדזער אידישע נרופע.

וואשינלאך וויַסט אײַר שוין אז די נייַ יארקער נענאסן האבן ארנאניזירט אספעציעלן קאמיטעט צו שאפען סופסקריבער פאר ראקער־ס בוך און זײַ דענקען אזוי ארום צו קריגען די נויטיקע פינף הונדערט סופסקריבער פאר אז דאס בוך זאל קאנען דערשינען אונדזער נרופע וועט זיכער מיט העלפען אין דער דאזיקער ארבעט.

פיַדער נעלעגענהײַט וויַנש אײַך אײַר טיַרע עמא.פילגליק צו אײַר נעפורטס־מאג.אויף אזוי פיל אז אײַר זאלט דערלעבען צו זעען פארווירקלאכט כאטש אטיַל פאר וואס אײַר האט נעקעמפט און אוועק נעגעבען אײַער נאנצען לעבען.

זײַט מיר נעזונט און שטארקון הארציק נעגרוסט אײַער

דזשא.

נרוסט פאר מיר זײַער הארציק אודזער ליבען בערקמאנון זאנט עס אין מײַן נאמען אזא־דא־ן נעווען אבער נלויבן צו הערן אז ער פילט שוין בעסער.

סאפי און בעקי נרוסען אײַך הארציק.די נעגאסן פון דער נרופע נרוסן אײַך און בערקמאן־ן זײַער הארציק.

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111, Browning Road,
Enfield.

My dear Emma,

Hereunder the addresses you require, evidently very urgently. I began last night to write you a lengthy letter but after filling three foolscap pages I decided to ponder on it before I send it.

You ask me in yours of the 20th to see you have copies of the enclosed but there were two enclosures so I presume you want copies of both. Next the one if I discover your letter in the Manchester guardian it will obviate my having it done so I could send you cuttings instead.

My work is nearing the end and very soon I shall have a little leisure to write to you.

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All the very best

Yours devotedly

Shloime

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St Tropez June 21st 36.

dear Roger.

Nothing like the hold of a superstition. Here am I for years fighting the superstition of Soviet Russia as anything but a murderous regime that exterminates the most innocent people who come within its range, and yet I was stupid enough to accept the explanation given my friends by Stassova that Zensl Mühsam has been sent on a tour to do the Volga to tell the people there of the horrors of Hitlers doings. It seemed so plausible that the Moscow gang would use the widow of Mühsam to show up the terror in Germany so that the people she will talk to should realize the greater blessings of Stalin. I confess I was a fool.

Inclosed you will find two short notes received from the same reliable source as the first news of Zensl Mühsams arrest. Also my letter to Freda Kirchwey. I hope she will bring it in the NATION. And I ask you to do what you can to reach the Soviet outfit to release Zensl and ship her out of that pseudo Socialist haven. There is no excuse whatever for her arrest. Neither And I hope you will not permit your "burning" faith in the "new " chnages in Russia to silence the outrage on Zensl Mühsam who was lured to Russia to be used for propaganda purposes and then bokced away out of sight and communication with her friends. I say this because I feel confident that you and all other liberal and radical elements will join in the hussanah of THE NEW CONSTITUTION given the Russian masses by the LITTLE FATHER, Stalin, the guarantee of free speech, free press, and freedom of conscience". Talk about a travesty. There never was anything like it in the world Nor so many credulous people to believe one word of the whole matter. ANYHOW, I EXPECT YOU AND YOUR GROUP TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT ZENSL MUHSAM. For it is certain she will be shipped to some remote part where like so many others she will be exposed to slow death.

A.B. is out of the hospital and is slowly regaing strength.

Please let me hear from you in re the Zensl matter.

Affectionately regardless of your blindness.

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St Tropez Var June 21st 36.

Darling Fitzi. It is funny to have to get your new address in a round about way. I had no idea where you in the city or ~~thxx~~ your country place.But to day I heard from Danile and he gave me your address. I am terribly sorry I have no record about the plates.But Daniel writes and I think he also wrote you that the agents who handled the plates were Mssrs Runciman Ltd. whose address is 52 Leaddenhall Street London E.C.3. He also wrote you that I had ~~xxxxxxxx~~advised him ~~thxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ~~1925~~x under date of Oct 20th 1925 that you had shipped the plates ~~bxx~~ per S.S. Merchant Marine. I should think that ought to be enough.

While Daniel thinks that the Runciman Shop Insurance Brokers may also have distroyed their old records I nevertheless just wrote Daniel to please call them up or write to them if they can trace the receipt of the plates. I will rush the reply to you just as soon as I hear from Daniel

It occurred to me that it might be of value to unearth a copy each of the First and second edition of Sashas Memoirs and to give the names of the printers in New York. It may even be enough to take the second edition.You could get your printe was it Epstein to give you a sworn statement that he had printed the book from the same plates which were then loaned to Daniel. It just occurred to me that Daniel might do the same and send you such an affidavite. Surely there must be away of cinvincing the damned America Customs that the plates have been made in the States - it would be awful to lose them. Besides the expence of shipping and packing will have to be paid in any event.

Sashas letter yesterday tells me he is feeling

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better and that he had gained some weight. He needs that as he had grown very thin. E.who had again been feeling wretchedly also seems to be in better condition. There is no certainly in her case. Sasha is still not strong enough to risk the trip to Nice. Any motion causes him pain. And there are other "domestic" reasons why he may not come here so soon,if at all. We are having such little use of Bon Esprit I have sent an ad to a London magazine that specializes in Continental real ~~estates~~ eastate to let the place from Oct until June with an option of purchase. I am not very hopeful about the outcome. But I don't see what use it is to keep the place when I must remain in England at least a year or longer if I am ever to establish myself there. Sasha and E. will not be able to stand it here in the winter. And just for a few summer months it hardly pays. Everything was so different when you my dearest helped me to Bon Esprit.

I have been here three weeks trying to get the house cleaned and in order. And English woman I know had it for the winter in return for some work on the land. She left it in an awful mess. It is fortunate that I had physical work to do.For the news about Moe has completely unnerved me. He is in the hosptal since May 11th with a blood clod in his right leg.He has been suffering agonies and is being kept alive with morphine. Stella tells me the doctors hold out no hope. Such is the humanity of man. To kill people in war,or in the industrial system, or by means of capital punishement is alright. But it is wrong to put a human being out of her or his torture when there is no hope of recovery. More frightful than Moes battle with death is Babsies state. Stella writes she has a room in the hospital next to Moe. She sit in mu te misery and waits. Can you imagine the picture? I myself dread the

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own beloved who was awlays more to me than my own child could be, the most understanding chum and friend.

Stella has developed neuritis. Also a shock and Ruth though discharged from the Institute as cured shows no awakening to her child or interest in anything else. Enough misery in my family. If at least I would be near enough to help in some way. But being far away and so isolated makes my grief harder to bear. And yet there is more suffering than only one's own. The latest news from Russia is that the widow of Erich Mühsam tortured by the Nazis and finally murdered had been arrested there. She had gone to Russia on the express invitation from Stassova, the head of the International L. Defense, the Mopr After they got the MSS from Mrs Mühsam of her husbands work they got rid of her. So now I had todrop everything and write to Freda Kirchwey, The Manchester Guardian and other Liberal and Labor papers in behalf of the undofrtunate widow of Mühsam. For it is certain unless a wide spread campaign is strated she will b be exiled to some remote concentration camp to die slowly and be forgotten.

Dearie do write me soon please.I feel so cut off from all of you. I know your life is not a bed of roses. But I want to know whatever it is.

I embrace you with love.

Next Saturday I will be 67. Far to long to have lived. Yet one goes on in the same senseless way. Michael Cohn and his new family shoul have arrived this monring on the Savoia. If he has he is with Sasha and Emmy. He may come on here later.

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Dear Mr Daniel. Thanks a lot for both your letters of the 17th and 19th instance. Thank you also for your kind concern in A.B. Yes,he is gaining strength. He wrote me yesterday he had gained weight. He was frightly run down and thin.So it is a good sign to know that he is gaining. He is however not yet able to risk being shaken up in busses and trains. So for the present he remains in Nice. I am hoping he may improve to the extent of coming here the end of the month,or early next. The sunshine here would I am sure do him good.

I am sorry now I did not have the plates shipped to Miss Fitzgerald since she was the one who shipped them to you. I usally kept letters and records for years. But last year before I went to England I let an English woman friend of mine have my place. And it became necessary to get a lot of stuff out of her way,among them stacks of letters that had no particualr value. The result is that I have nothing to show for the shipment of the plates. That is too bad.Surely some way can be found to save such an exorbitant duty as $200. Why the book could be set up anew for that amount. You say in yours of the 19th inst that the agents in London who had handled the plates were Messrs Kinciman LTD Could you not or write them about the matter. Perhaps they still have the record. Sometimes business house if they are large keep redords forever. I should not trouble you if so much were not involved. I know you will forgive me for imposing on your time and friendship. I am writing Miss Fitzgerald to suggest that she take a volume of the first and second American edition to the Customs to prove that the plates are ~~xxxx~~ of the same work published in the U.S.

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I believe I wrote you that I had a circular setting forth my drama and literary themes inserted in the May issue of DRAMA the magazine of the B.D.L. It reaches 4500 organisations and individuals. Yesterday came the only reponse so far. It was from the CO-op erative EDUCATIONA COMMITTEE asking if I will give them a lecture Oct 31st and if I will do so for 2guineas. The printing and inserting of my folder cost 4 guineas. So I ought to be glad to recover half at least. It was really Mr Suttin who footed the bill. I also had some replies to my personal letter sent to the most important playgoers' and dramatic groups. I suppose because I inserted a self addressed and stamped return envelope. Most of them wrote they could not afford "even your modest fee of 2 guineas Who said conditions in Enlgand have improved?

As you see my chances next season are not much more roseate than last. Yet I am coming back. I wonder have you seen Sutton? I wish you might find an hour to do so. He really has shown extraordinary interest in my return. He has in addition to the cost of the drama venture of the leaflet also contrbuted to the circularisation of other social groups. He needs encouraging and some cooperation. And since he liked you so well and you him perhaps you could help. Please see him.

Cordially.

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My dear Phillip. I was glad to hear from you so soon. Knowing what a busy man you are I appreciate double your prompt replies. It was stupid of me not to ship the plates to Fitzi. But who should know all the intracacies and red tape of any government institution. I thought it would be enough for Fitzi to go with you and give a sworn statement that she had shipped the plates to you.

To day I received a letter from Daniel saying he had heard from Fitiz asking if he had a record of the plates. D. writes that his firm destroys correspindence and records after seven years. But among my letters to him he discovered one dated Oct 20th 1925 that I had heard from Fitzi to the effect that she had shipped the plates by the S.S.Merchnat Marine. I should think that ought to be accepted as proof. D. also writes that the London agent who had handled the plates were Messrs Runciman and hmx their address is 52 Leadenhall St London E.C.3. I have just written Fitzi these facts. I have also suggested that she should get a swarren affidavit from the printer who had printed the second edition of the Memoirs to the effect that he had done it from the plates now in possession of the Customs. Lastly I have written Daniel that he might send such an affidavite to Fitzi that he had received the plates as a loan from her. All this should convicne the boneheads at the Customs. Of course no one should pay $200 duty. One can get the book set up anew for that. I do hope though that a letter from Daniel about the receipt of the plates and from the rpinter in New York about having printed the 2nd edition from the same plates will prove enough.

I have always kept letters and records.In fact my place was so overstacked,last Nov when I prepared to go to Engla I went over my files and distroyed a lot of stuff. I had to do that because I left our place in the care of an English women in return for some work in the garden.And I had to make some space for her. So of course I have no record amx of anything as far back as 25,26.

I suspected when the last hundred came from you to Sasha that you had nothing more left from the fund.In fact I was sure that this hundred was a new amount you had scraped together some how. I must say you have been splendid in your devotion to Sasha and in your efforts to keep him going. I realize how difficult it will be to achieve much during the summer. But also I feel confident that you will do what you can. And no one can do more.

Have I ever mentioned to you that I have shipped hundred copies of the British edition of the Memoirs to M. Bluestein c/o The I.L.G.W.U. I received fifty dollars a year ago through Minna Lowesohn with the information that Bluestein ad advanced $25 and Rose Peseti the same amount. Now fifty dollars was just the sum I paud Daniel for the hundred copies. At first I suggested to Bluestein that the book should be sold at $1,25 But when I relaized that the shipment alone will be $15 or there abouts,and possible duty at the other end I wrote Bluestein again to try to sell the book for $2.Otherwise hardly anything wi will be left for Sasha. I never received one word from Bluestein

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acknowledging the receipt of the books. I did here from Minna that they had come. Nor did I hear from Blue. whether he is selling the books and at what price. Would you see him and find out what had become of the hundred copies? Surely it ought not to be difficult to dispos of that lot among union members or otherwise? Even at $1.25 it should leave $75 for Sasha. I don't mind if I am not paid for the shipment which of course I did while in London. It would be a pity to see the books lay around or get lost. So please my dear look into the matter.

A line from Sasha yesterday tells me he is feeling better and has gained some weight. That is a good sign. He had gotten very thin and the gain is an indication that he is recovering. Michael Cohn was to arrive this morning on the Savoia I suppose he will send me word by tomorrow, or Sasha will. Michael will remain in Nice to visit with Sasha and then come here. Sasha himself still cannot stand motion of busses or trains. So I have no idea when he will be able to come here. I am alone meanwhile.

You will see by the inclosed to the NATION, in re the widow of our martyred comr de Erich Mühsam is in prison in Moscow Stalin like Hitler will endure no one in the least unwilling to swear by their immaculate conception. Is there anything you can do to make the outrage known. A statement issued by the International Workingmens' Association has gone out to the our press. It will of course appear in the Freie Arb. Stimme. Sasha will also write Abe Cahan about it. And I have written to the Manchester Guardian in addition to the Nation. Something must be done to prevent the exile to some remote concentration camp of the wife of so heroic a man as Erich Mühsam.

Please remember me to all our frineds.

Cordially.

Next Saturday I will be 67. I wonder why one goes on so long unless it is the WILL TO LIFE which is stroner than all reason.

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St Tropez June 21st 36.

Dear Gaby. I have had some disappointments in people who for years acted as my friends and then went back in the most shameful manner on all their protestations. But the shock I received through Mollies account of the most "friendly" visit she had from Emma and her demand of Mollie was really among the most painful in many a moons.

Unless your memory has become very faulty you surely cannot have forgotten that you responded to my suggestion to let me give Mollie £30, of the ~~£~~ $50 pounds as a gift and $20 to Sasha towards the fund that was being raised to enable him to write his ABC. of Anarchist Communism. I wrote you suggesting this and you responded almost immidiately to go ahead. How can you then, after ten years make any claime to that money? In point of truth you laughed at the idea when I said I considered the £50 as a loan to my trip to Canada. You yourself never considered as such. If you had would you as willingly consented to my giving the money to Mollie and Sasha as gifts rather than return it to you? ~~xxxxx~~

However, granted that you have felt all along that this money was coming to you what business had Emma to demand it from Mollie? In the first place the transaction was between me and you and did not consern Emma who at that time had not made her appearance on your horizon. In the second place Mollie did not borrow anything from you, YOU GAVE HER THIRTY POUNDS AS A GIFT for her studies. Can you deny that? And you did the same with the remaining twenty for Sasha. You know damned well that I would never have taken the liberty to dispose of YOUR money if you had not consented for me to do so. In any event it seems the most

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I consulted you first and only when I had your consent did I dis pose of the money you let me have in 1926. Now if all these years you felt that I had taken advantage of your interest in Anarchism, in my work, and in my trip to Canada why have you never mentioned the subject? In 1928 on my return to France when I had some money raised for me to write L.M.L In 1929 when Knopf accepted my MSS and gave me advance royalties. I would have thrown your rotten fifty pounds in your face had I known that you went black on your con sent to let me dispose of it in the way I suggested. Of course, you were ashamed to do such a thing. So you waited ten years. And then even you had not the pluck to write me, or even to go to Mollie. You turned the mean job over to Emma. And she who had always insisted that she would never act as the average wife, who meddle in her husbands affairs or his transactions with his friends suddenly turned the typical petty middle class shop keeper exacting the payment of debts. And from whom? From Mollie, if you please. Mollie who is desperately ill, in daily torture and Senia who works like a galley slave and yet cannot menage to have expert specialist care for Mollie. If nothing else this should have prevented Emma from such a cruel step. Besides, Emma had no right whatever to claime anything from Mollie. Or you for that matter since you lent Mollie nothing and she owes you nothing.

Now I can understand that material factors often drive people to go back on everything they once held high. I can very well understand that poverty and destitution especially where an infant is concerned would drive its parents to desperate acts. Not only could I not be angry in such an eventuality. But I myself would strip myself of my last sou to return the fifty pounds to you.

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But such a dreadful eventuality has not yet come to you and I sincerely hope never will. What with a Swedish nurse and a newly appointed Apt, or is it a sutdio, you cannot possibly be so poverty stricken that as to worry Mollie with some ridiculous demand of ten years standing. Frankly there is no excuse or extenuating circumstance for what you and Emma have done. It is a peice of brutality I had not expected from either of you.

As to the fifty pounds having belonged to Emma which by the way she know denys as Mollie writes me, well it is just silly, if not worse. She was not in your life then and even later she never impressed me as being overlouded with wealth. Be Besides you had money of your own. So why this boast that you had at the time when you ~~hadcamx~~ sent me the loan were living on "my money".?

All I can say is that I regret exceedingly that I have no money now and no hopes of getting some in the near future Else I would return the amount you claime. In any event you have no right to accept the payments Mollie and Senia foolishly pledged themselves to. If you are really so desperately short, though I do not believe it, I will pay off the fifty pounds as I go along. It will have to be in very small payments. But Emma being so greedy for the money I would rather go without some necessities than that deprive the poor soul of ~~whatx~~ her hsbands wealth. I simply canot bear to having Mollie worried. And though I feel that none of us owe you anything for what was a gift to Mollie and Sasha, still I would not for the world deprive poor, poverty stricken Emma of anything.

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It is sad that this should have come between us. But what is friend ship where money steps in? You are surely not the first and last who permits friendship to go by the board for the ~~a~~ titiful sum of fifty pounds. I am sorry you and Emma rated mine so cheaply.

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Dear st. I really have nothing of importance to record from thei end. The days go fast with routine work and letters. The nights drag on.For thr thoughts gathered during the day haunt one dur ing the nights. But one goes on just the same. In all my personal misery , t e pain about Moe and you my darling there is a ray of light in the magnifient stand the French workers have shown in the strikes. It is something to have lived to see the things one has advanced all ones conscious life tax realized. Of course I had nothing to do with the idea of strikes on the job in France. It originated in this country long before I entered the Anarchist ranks. And it is but right that the seed the French Anarchists had planted more than fifty years ago should also bear fruit here. But while I had no bearing on the birth of strikes on the job in this country I pride myself of having been among the first to propagate the idea in America since 1907 when I returned from France. If only the American workers would fallow the wonderful example of the french I should not consider my efforts there ax quite fruitless. Will they ever?

True the Communists ~~printer~~ will have it that they and their work have created the strike wave. For did not Zeni say to Shatov we can take Anarchist methods without the Anarchists. That seems to be the function of our comrades to take the chestnut out of the fire for others. However,while the Communists are no doubt stirring the fires of revolt in the workers the strikes at present are entirely spontaneuous. The masses themselves have lost patience with their rulers. It is hunger and want that are urging them on. True , the gains will be short lived. For with

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fewer hours work and increase of their pay the cost of living shoots up at once. But the example of the strikes on the job will be far reaching. The greatest inspiration to the workers in since the idea was first promulgated fifty years ago. So while I am away from the scene of action the event has brought a ray in my otherwise drab life here.

You will see by the inclosed manifesto sent out by the International Workinmen Association, the Anarchist International body that the terror in Russia goes merrily on despite the tidings of the new Constitution with all the "liberties" to the Russian masses it contains. Hitler has murdered Erich Mühsam. Can Stalin do less. For that is exactly what will happen if we fail to rescue Mühsams widow. I have written a letter to Freda Kirchwey about the case copy of which I also inclose. The Nation is growing more and more pro Moscow. I wonder whether Freda will be able to get it through. I know she will try though it hurts her to publish the least criticism about Stalins doings. I have also written to the Manchester Guardian. I think I will rather send you a copy of the letter to the Guardian as you will see at least I hope so the letter to Freda. There is one things certain I never lack the need of protest against some outrage, or somebodys cause to plead for.

Michael was to land yesterday. I shall probably have a note from him or Sasha to day. Thank you darling for the birthday gift. I will get it when Michael comes here. But why did you have to spend money when you are so short? Your loving greetings would have been enough. I wear my old hose here and I still have some left from those Fan Stark sent me with her husband.

I keep on thinking about the tragic struggle of

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beloved Moe. I wonder why they will not amputate his leg. Is it because they think the clod will keep moving to other parts of his body. Or that he will not survive the operation? I wish you would tell me. I see no difference in letting him suffer and die slowly when they might save his life by an operation. Or at least try. I suppise you know nothing about their refusal to operate. 'ts so dreadful to be so helpless and so far away.

I am also worried about yoyr arm. "eurâtis is a from of rheumatism. You ought to go on a strict diet, cut out meats and liqueur of anysort. You ought to consult Bibby or Wov shine. Don't neglect the condition dearest. You must try to stop it in time.

A short letter from Sasha "aturday said he was gaining some weight. That is a good sign that he is recovering. He had gotten so thin, all bones and skin. he needed to gain. Emy too seems to have been better when S. wrote. Her case is strange anyh how, the strangest ups and downs of anyone I have ever known.

My birthday. I ask myself the question every day what purpose my life serves or whom? I myself get damned little joy out of it. The struggle to get a hearing to make my last years count is often beyond me. And it leads to so little. I keep at my machine writing to all sorts of groups in England. The result is negligable. f course I will go. But I can not deceive myself o of the joy awaiting me there. So why go on? I dare say wiser people than I have asked this question of themselves, yet they dragged along until the bitter end. But enough about me or my problems.

"earest mine you have never been deeper in my thoughrs and in my heart. And Moe, my own precious one. When he came to me in St. Ir Louis he took me in his arms and with tears in his eyes begged me to promise him that I will never again be alone in Bon "prit. Of course I promised though I knew that my old age will be a very lonely one. More lonely than ever if I lose my beloved brother, so understanding, so tender so generous to me always.

Give my love to Teddy and the boys. Tell them a new stamp has been announced in France. I will send it to them just as soon as it is placed on sale.

I hold you close to my heart.

'ts alright to write me by hand just so I hear from you, the only one of the family who writes.

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St Tropez June 22nd.36.

Darling.I received your letter and inclosure of French menifesto in re Zensl. I see her name is signed Zenzl. Accroding to her sig nature in letters to me it is Zensl. However, I want a bundle of menfiestos. I hope there is an English ext.It would save me no end of work and postage to send out copies of my letters to the Nation and thw Guardian. Can you get them for me? Do it soon please. Now that the menifesto has gone out to our press there is no need of jy sending it to Reveil,or the Freie Arb.Stimme.

Dearest I wrote Gaby yestersay. I sent a copy to Sasha and asked him to send it to you and Senia. I want you both to know what I have written him. I understand perfectly how you feel about the retunr of the gift Gaby cinsented to my letting you have. But I still insist that you should not be the one to pay him. If any payments should be made I should be the one because it was I who arranged the matter. I had too much faith in Gabys decency.That was my mistake and I am the one to stand the res poncibility. I prefer a thousand times that the thrity pounds should be MY GIFT ,and than you should be under any obligation to Gaby. So I beg you and Senia again not to pay him a single sou. One does not go back on a gift. Its horrible enough to exact the return of a loan of ten years standing.But to ask for the return of a gift is about the meanest and pettyest action I ever came accross.

I had a haunch that the reply of Oeshkova should not be used. I am sending it back.

My darlings I am indeed going through a pianful time My own beloved barther Moe has been making a desperate struggle

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with death since May 11th. The doctors say there is no hope. They are keeping him on morphine to relieve him of his frightful suffering. But they are not humane enough to give him enough for eternal sleep. You can imagine how I feel. In addition Stella has developed neuritis in her right arm and is in constant pain. In short my summer "holidays" are nearly always heart breaking. This year they are a nightmare. If I only had you two with me I could bear it with greater ease. Now a balck depression is on my mind and heart.

Forgive me for adding to your suffering.

I embrace you both with much love.

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St Tropez June 22nd.36.

My Dear. I wonder if Micael has arrived and how he got to you. I see the Omnibusses,streetcars and everything else in Nice has stopped. Have the taxis also? And how did you and E.get to Villefranche,if at all? I hope I will hear from you to day.

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About Zenal, I am all confused. I dare say Meta know how to write her name though she may know it in Germna. But Chapiro shou know exactly. Well he had it written Zenzl. Its too late now for the Guardian and Nation letters they have gone. I will spell it with Z and that is all to it. I have written Mühsam in my letters. But as fate would have it I struck it wrong when writing to you. Like all children who are in awe of their teacher, and try so hard yet have it wrong.

Mollie writes under date of June 13th that G Gaby had shown her and Senia a letter from me dated Winnipeg Feb. 22nd 1927 wherein I said "Iam sending thirty pounds to Mollie and 20 to Sasha". Now it is reasonably certain that I would never have disposed of Gabys $50 if he had not consented to my suggestion. So he has a record after all. Ermas asking was therefore doubly contemptible. She demanded fify pounds of Mollie when M. had never received more than thirty. I have a haunche that Gaby knew nothing about Ermas going to Mollie to collect the "debt" Knowing that she never received more than thirty he would not be so crazy to consent to Ermas asking for more. Of course she had no right to worry Mollie in the firts place. It was a gift not a loan. But even if he had been the latter he should not have waited ten years. Any how you have nothing to pay Mollie, or Gaby for that matter. Yes, my letter was strong. But what other tone can one take with people capable of so petty and mean act? And cruel in Mollies present condition. If Gaby answers I will send you his reply.

My dear it is so precious little I have of you do not begrudge me your letters. They mean more to me than you

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have ever realizee or ever will. Besides they contain more than just ordinary matters. Every one of your moods when writing to me is reflected in your letters. Much kindness and affcetion as well as harsh words. I have kept them all my life. Unfrotunately most of the American mail has been lost in the last raide.But I have nearly all your letters since our deportation. There are so many it would take me weeks to go over to find our correspondence from Canada of 1925.26.and 27. I have not the time to do it now.Nor is it essentail since Gaby has a letter informing him that I have sent 30 pounds to Mollie and twenty to you. The ~~xxxxxx~~ latter was of course not the only amount sent you dear. Besides $1200 for the Russian politicals,or thereabouts I also sent ~~Yxxx~~ YOU money on various occasions. The twenty from Gaby was HIS contribution which I must have written you just as I have written Mollie. For I am not in a habit of taking credit for what is not mine. But please do not worry. To hell with Gaby for the present. If ever we will get "rich" we will pay him back his filthy lucre. We surely cannot do it now. And I have again implored Mollie and Senia not to pay G.anything.

Another letter from Stella contains the same gahstly struggle of Moe. His WILL to LIFE seems indestructible if he can keep it up so long. The misery of Stella and Saxe is very much enhenced by Babsies refusal to let them see Moe. My dearest, what comparition is there between Mrs Lweis and her English man and the relation of Stella and Saxe with Moe? The ofrmer are aft r all ~~axx~~ merely acquaintance of yours with whom you cannot possibly have anything in common. True the Englishman was decent to you for which he deserves thanks.But as to his or Mrs Lweis visits when you were so ill. Of course they were both too distant

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for you to want to see them.But Saxe and ~~Mamxinnxx~~ Stella ahve loved Moe since they were kids and he loved them. He wants to see them,or at least did when his mind was still lucide.But Babsie does not permit them.Yet she allows Bessie Levin and Izy Miller to visit Moe. The reason for it is that Babsie had some trouble with my sister Lena years ago. Saxe and Stella took their mothers part. Babsie has never forgotten or forgiven that. In addition she was most insensed with Saxe and Stella because they did not often visit Moe when they were in Northport. You see my dear devotion like Babsies are like a double edged sward. She cannot understand that while Saxe and Mx Stella love Moe and have always been devoted to him they have families of their own, they work hard and hence ca not easily go to far distant places. Babsie wrote me a very bitter letter to Toronto to the effect that Saxe and Stella were neglecying Moe. I had to act as the peace maker, to smooth over Babsies grievance. It seems now she is sort of paying Saxe and Stella back I dare say her tragedy is so great she does not realize how wrong and down right cruel it is to keep the two away. Worse yet I am left in the dark as a result of it. I dare not write Babsie direct. She begged me to write her through Stella.And I dare not say any thing to Babsie in my letter in re her attitude to the kids. Besides Babsies tragedy is deep enough without my adding to it.But I am sick over the whole affair.

Yes, I dare say Moes loss will prove more than Babsie will care to survive. You see she had no one but Moe,not even her mother she cared about,or any of her own family. Since H Hermans death she attached herself to Allen Hermans boy. She and Moe had him with them.And he became a new child. Moe would have given the kid every chance in the world.He longs to be an engeneere

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Moe would have rejoiced to give him the means and so would Babsie Now she has nothing and no one left. I dr ad for her ending her life. And poor Allen has no look. He lost his father and is about to lose Moe who became his father only more intelligent and under standing than Herman ever was. Its all so awful and so painful for me to bear.

The letter I sent you was to the comrades In Spain, to Carbo in answer to his questionaire. You never returned that letter dear and it is the only copy I had. Please look up in your mail

What do you mean when you say your new machine is as heavy as mine? Mine is a portable dear though it weigh about one pound more than the corona. Yes, it was decent of Modska to send you the machine. You sure needed it. It will not take you long to get the lay of the keys.

I am not in a hurry with the oil cloth or large env elopes. But I am with the clasps and rubbers sample of which I mi mailed you yesterday. The cherries will be rotten if I wait longer than Monday.

I do hope you will not overstrain yourself dear Sahs. Better slower and sure than constant relapses.

Affectionately

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Monday the 22 June 36

Dear,

Your letter of the 20th just received.

Yes, Michael, his companion and her boy of about 3 and a half years arrive d yesterday. I met them at the pier, though there is a strike of street cars and omnibus men. Part of the way I walked, part I had to ride in taxi . The letter are not involved in the strike.

They are staying at the Hotel Beau Rivage and we had dinner there with them.

Today they came up here. He is the same old Michael, looks better than in Berlin, in perfect health. Never lost a tooth in his life and never had even a headache, he told. Isn't that exceptional? And he is about 4 years older than I am.

SUNDAY. Could not continue yesterday. Was beautiful weather, but this morn. started to rain. Rather grey. I wonder how it is in St.Tr. I know how unpleasant it is there on rainy days. But I hope you have no mistral, anyhow.

Mods sent per Michael a new typewriter to me. Very thoughtful of him, because I never mentioned the thing to him since he had left. When he was here he saw, of course, that my machine was on the bum. A very fine machine he sent, but not a portable. It is as big and heavy as yours, may be even a bit bigger. A Smith-Corona, with 4 lines of letters (my Cobema has only 3 lines of letters) It will take me some time to master the machine, for the keyboard is somewhat different from the one I am used to.

That reminds me! I would have made for you copies of that letter of yours to Nation, etc. But Emmy's machine does not work at all and mine is too worn out for good copies. Sorry you had to make copies yourself.

If in Isral own letters her name is spelled with S in the middle, then it is the right way. But you say in your last: "A'right about Mheahm. I spelt it this way".

That is wrong, for I think his name is spelled Mheahm. NOT Mheahm. You put the H in the wrong place. As a matter of fact, I am SURE it is spelled Mheahm.

Here, dear, I just found a picture postal of Mheahm, so you will see the right spelling. Incidentally, he resembles (on the picture) -- somewhat -- that man Collier, who helped Volin, Molly etc. to get papers. Now he is in the ministry. But he has not the Jewish look of Mheahm. He has the same bunch of hair and beard.

Speaking of Molly, what did you advise her to do? I told her not to pay a cent to Gaby. nd what did you write to Gaby in the matter?

You mention your misery in trying to type correctly. Well, I think it is lack of attention to details. I have noticed in a great many correspondents that their wrong typing is usually due to such lack of attention to details. It is not a matter of near-sightedness. On the contrary, so far as I have observed,

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The strikes go right on and multiply in the provinces. Here the Unipris stores are still closed, but the Galleries Lafayette have been opened. Will see about the things you need. Did you receive the envelopes? The bigger I have not sent yet.

The cost of living is sure to go up at least 15%. The workers are to receive about 10 - 15 percent increase, so their condition will remain about the same. But for those who have foreign money -- pounds or dollars -- life in France will become still dearer, and considerably so. As to the frans falling, it may, but it will take a considerable time before that happens. At least that is the way it looks to me.

Yes, we also received a letter from Molly. She is in N.Y., but she seems hopeful of some job. I wonder.

Yes, it is strange about poor Mac. Great resistance and clinging to life. But I am glad at least that they doze him and so he does not suffer much. You are right that it is much worse for Babsie. In point of great devotion Babsie reminds me of Emmie, and I am really afraid that Mac's death may have a terrible effect on Babsie and may be even lead to some fearful tragedy.

May be Mac had (before) told Babsie that he does not care to see many people. I know I felt the same way in the hospital. Thus I told Emmie to tell Kittie Lewis, Rocky etc. NOT to visit me.

I knew one of my letters to you was too heavy, but I had no 25 cent stamp in the house and then I forgot and mailed it.

9 A.M. Just received your letter in the large yellow envelope (of the 22.) with enclosures.

I have looked up a letter in my files from Meta Kraus. She writes ZENZL. I also have a letter from Zenzl herself, of 1934, the same as Meta's letter. But Zenzl's signature does not indicate whether it is an S or a Z.

I have a short letter here from Erich, of 1932, but he did not mention Zenzl there.

Yet I think that Sonya is careful in such matters, and his spelling of the name may be right. However, I would rely most on Rudolf R. He is a good speller. Now, dear, look up Rudolf's letters to you. Surely at the time of the Erich tragedy he must have written you about the matter, and may be you will find Zenzl's name spelled in his letters. I myself am inclined to think that ZENZL, with two Z, is right. I DID NOT receive the manifesto of the I.A re Zenzl. Though I had a letter from Mollie today, but no manifesto was enclosed.

The signature in the Zenzl letters (which you sent me and which I return here) is NOT xxxxxx clear. It may be an S and it may be a Z. She seems to make both letters alike. But Meta Kraus, who seems a good speller, wrote Z's name xxxx as ZENZL, in 1934. It could hardly have been changed in the spelling since then.

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I remember very clearly, however, that I got from you $100 (or 20 pounds) as a contribution from Gaby for the publication of my A P O .

Too bad you have not Gaby's letters to you in the matter, or ~~xxx~~ yours to him. But of course one cannot keep everything. And since business houses destroy records after 7 years, surely private persons cannot be expected to keep such things for a longer period.

And since it was YOU who got the money from Gaby, in the first place, it is NOT Mollie's place to repay it. But Mollie and Sonya insist on it. Well, in that case I mean to return (by degrees) to Mollie the ~~xxx~~ 20 pounds that I got. What business has she to pay back that 20, anyhow. Yet she speaks of paying back 30 pounds.

Incidentally, it is foolish of you to keep my letters, because ~~xxxxx~~ there is seldom anything in them except just strictly personal or "business" matters. I do not discuss in my letters to you, as a rule, any problems or things worth keeping. But you are incorrigible, of course, and you'll just go right on doing it.

Your letter to Gaby is very much to the point and just the letter I should expect from you under such circumstances. Very good. Am sending the copy to Molly and will ask her to return it/ to you. The letter is strong, but Gaby deserves it.

The matter of the plates is of course serious. TWO hundred dollars for douane. It's rotten. I hope some means may be found to prove to the officials of the customs that the plates were made in the U.S. and then exported to England. But may be you have some letters from Daniel Co. acknowledging the receipt of the plates or letters referring to them. That would be good proof.

I am enclosing a letter I found here from Daniel to you, of 1932, but it refers only to your Disillusionment book. Keep it anyhow.

Dear, you say I did not return to you your letter to Carlin. (Is it Carlin?) How is Carlin? Is it the name of the I.W.W. boy to whom Sonya wrote? Anyhow, you did not send me any such letter or at least I did not receive it. You sent me the letter Sonya wrote to the I.W.W. man and there was a note from you to him. I mailed that letter to the man as per your request. Was it then some other letter you mean? Let me know about it.

No hurry about those stamped envelopes.

Must close now. Hope all is well with you, dear. Here things are OK. Love.

P.S. In the copy of your letter to Gaby your last line, page 1, reads: "In any event it seems the most" and it continues on the second page: "I consulted you first and only when I had your consent etc. Seems first page is not ended properly. Or may be it is only in the carbon.

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St Tropez June 23rd 36.

Darling Evelyn.

I was sure something must be the matter with you to keep silent for so long. I was most uneasy about you. That is why I finally wrote back. Like a dear he replied almost immidiately. That is more than I have done to his letter. I do mean to write him soon.

I am so sorry to learn of the awful time you had physically and otherwise. I hope the warm weather has restored your health. As if life were not difficult as it is. To be visited by illness and a combination of it makes living still more trying. My poor dearest you do suffer a great deal all the time. Is it not the Northern climate that effects you so? It is often the case with people fror the South, is it not? Then too your diet must be all wrong. Both you and Jack have suffered all kinds of stomach disorders. I wish I had you both as my boarders for a time. I'd soon build you up.

I wonder have you come together with Saxe? There is much tragedy in my family, and he may not have had the time or the spirit to get in touch with you. My brother Moe who as you will remember was so ill when I reenterd America and was then not expected to live had picked up marvelously since then. ~~xxxxxxxx~~ He continued to have pain in his right leg. Still he was able to work and to get about. May elevnth he had to be taken to a hospital. It was found that a blood clod had settelled in his leg and was causing him such agony he had to be kept on morphine. The doctors insisted there was no hope and they refused to amputate the leg. So here it is already six weeks and Moe goes on in his desperate struggle with death mostly with the help of morphine. Talk about man's inhumanity to man. Its alright to kill in war, in our industrial system, by means of capital punishment. But it is all wrong to relieve a human being from his suffering though there is no hope of recovery.

I cannot tell you what the news about my brother means to me. Moe was far more than a brother. He was the most understanding of my family, he was like my own child and lover devoted beyond measure. To lose him will mean to cut out part of my own heart. Yet I would rather the end came than the ~~xxxxxx~~ horrible condition he is in now. My sister-in-law too is as of my own blood. Her love and devotion to Moe is one of the most moving I have known. She is 22 years younger than he yet she loved him, nursed him all these years and looked after him as few mothers know how. And not only Moe, but she has also transferred her love for him to me. Now my poor sister sits in mute silence in a room in the hospital next to Moe, and waits for his end. Can you imagine anything more ghastly?

This coming on top of two months ~~xxxx~~ anxiety about she has just paralyzed me. Perhaps I feel it so intensely because am here alone. Not a soul to exchange my distrubing thoughrs th in three weeks. But there seems to be no end to my power of durance. Fortunately I found my place in an awful mess left by e English woman who had it this winter. I could throw myself

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physical labor which makes the days go quickly. At night I am so tired I go off to sleep.But distrubing and painful thoughts the best one during the day have the tendency to haunt one's sleep. If only I could be in A. near my own or be of some help in some way. But this inexorable seperation and my helplessness make me more unhappy that I might be near those I love who are suffering. It is not only my precious brother. It is also Stella. She has developed neuritis and has much pain in her arm. And there is another tragedy with another niece of mine. In short every letter brings new miseries.

However,personal tragedy deep as it maybe one learns to endure. But there is so much suffering in the world and all one can do is to grit one's teeth. The latest is the imprisonment in Moscow of thw widow of the man who had been tortured and killed in Hitelrs concentration camps. I inclose a copy of a letter I wrote Freday Kirchwey for the Nation. I hope she will bring it. Though the Nation has become sickeningly pro Soviet excusing every crime,yet fighting the same crimes and injustice in the States. I wish you would watch the Nation to see whether my letter and the inclosed document we recived has appeared. If not will you write the Nation to ask why such news is being suppressed? I am sending copies to a number of friends and I am asking them to do the same. It may force the Nation morally to disclose the shady side of the much heralded wonders in Russia.

There is only one ray of light in all the darkness.It is the magnifisient spirit of the French workers. I am inclosing a copy of a letter I wrote to an I.W.W chap on this matter and other things.

Dearest mine I hate to inflict my heartaches on you. But I could not write at all unless as freely as I always have when writing you.You too are so understanding and so loving.

Give my love to Jig and greetings to Scott.

I embrace you lovingly.

Imagine I will be 67 on Saturday. I ask myself every day what is the sense of living so long in our mad and cruel world? I find no answer any more than wiser than I ever had. It is the blind WILL to LIFE,I suppose which seems to force us on against our better judment.

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[illegible] to say, I wonder what is meant by saying [illegible] it is advisable to come to St Tropez!!

He finds it trying to "tramp" about with the kid. But he will not have to tramp to St Tropez,So what does he mean?

I am delighted to know your were able to go to Villefranche and back being shaken up in vain. I hope the after mate was not bad. It would prove that you are really healing inside and out and getting stronger. I am glad for that.

I have written you enough negilles [illegible] I really have nothing to add. I am a little uneasy of the return addresses on the envelopes I am sending you,for instance that in Spain etc. Tarton willknow the names of nearly everybody I correspond with. Don't you think it may cause some trouble?

Affectionately

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Modest Stein
61 West Ninth Street
New York

June 23 – 1936

Dear Emma.

Got your letter this morning. You are evidently still on a lecture tour judging from the lecture you gave me. You certainly excited me good and although I still cannot see what it all the shouting for. In the first place I did not write because I had nothing to say. My life is dull and nothing happens any more. It surely is not necessary for me to write to you – Also just in order to assure you of my (your?) friendship – Besides writing is my difficulty for me I strain my eyesight all day long at my work and my eyes have not improved with age –

Apropos of the Sanatorium – I too am not a clairvoyant and had no inkling of the plight. You were away and before I could do anything about the matter in question I wanted to consult Father about it. –

He was in no condition to be bothered about it further me – I have been hoping to make a trip to St. Tropez this summer and settle the Sanatorium business upon arrival – Unfortunately it seems he. Perhaps in the fall – but it is very doubtful. You said something about manner of throwing my money about This is something you know

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about. I have been broke all the past winter and this spring and had to practice strict economy — Nevertheless I don't for be it from me to deny S anything this... If you can get an idea of what I owe him and will let me know about it, I'll see... not without pleasure I'm sure him — about my tenancy I will accept a low proposition if you... In other words if you'll sell your property for one half of what it cost you, so will I. I shall take the same percentage if less — 40% percent If you sell your property

I do not think however that it is advisable for you... perfectly at the present time. I believe there is only a slight operation, and in the American Surgeon... Upon my final eventually an American Surgeon... upon my final eventually an American Surgeon... I was very much worried about Saka and still am — The operation should have been performed much earlier... at the time I was with you last summer I spoke to J. about it but he would not listen to me. As a matter of fact you yourself ridiculed the idea of an operation in a letter to me — I know who operates on me. I have been operated on upon five times. Three times under ether and twice with local anaesthetics. In consequence of a fairly eventfull life my body has been broken in fourteen different places my body has been broken in fourteen different places my left leg, ribs, jaw, nose, eyebrow, left foot knee etc. not to speak of minor injuries — having been thus injured I can readily understand what Saka has to go through and I please don't think for a minute that my very sketchy and negligent correspondence is due to lack of interest

as ever Modest

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St Tropez Var June 24th 36.

My dear Comrade.

Thank you for your comradely letter. I feel most guilty that I failed to acknowledge the receipt of two copies of MUJJERES LIBRES. They reached me a month ago. At the time comrade Berkman was still in the Hospital and I was not in the state of mind to write much except the most indespensible replies to com rades in America and England. Forgive me please for my tardyness.

While I do not read Spanish as I have already written you I was able to make out a few things from the contents of your Magazin . But what interested me most is the appearance of it. Usually our comrades think the ugliest get up of a paper is good enough for the masses. I have always held that Anarchism being the art of life everything Anarchists do shoul be as beautiful as they can make it. I am therefore very happy to see that you and your collonorators are of the same view. I congratulate you on the splendid appearance of MUJJERS LIBRES. It cannot but make a fine impression on people outside of our ranks as well as of our comrades.

For the present I cannot ask comrade Berkman to contribute to your Magazine. He is still far from well.But when he has regained his health I will talk to him. I am sure he will then send you something. About my own contributions the situat ion is like this. I have a lot of lecture notes on woman and the child.Unfortunately it is not in the form for publication. The notes would be have to ~~mx~~ be revised and typed. If I had a secre ary or the time to type such a big ~~p~~ piece of work myself I would gladly do it. But it is impossible.Nor can I send you the notes because I have only one copy of them and I would not risk to entrust them to the Post Offices here and at your end. I am sorry. Some of my friends may visit me this summer.If anyone comes who can type I will have it done and send you a copy. It would have the run in a number of issues as the notes will make at least 32 pages. For the present I ca do nothing about that.

However, I can do something. I have a vast corres pondence and my replies are usually very detailed in answer all the points my correspondents raise. I make copnies of these letters and send them to different friends and often to our Press in America. I can do the same for your Magazine if you want me to. To day I am inclosing copies of two letters.You will see what I mean. If you think the contents of the 12 page letter will interest your readers you can bring the letter.

The other addressed to the editor of the NATION a Liberal weekly paper in America is more important. You know no doubt of the terrible tortures and finally ghastly end of our comrade Mühsam two years ago in Hitlers concentration camps. His widow went to Moscow and now the news comes that Stalin had followed the "humanitarian " example of Hitler and Goering and that comrade Zenal Mühsam is in prison in Russia. We are maki have begun a world wide campaign to save Erich Mühsams companion of the end of her husband. You can bring my letter to the NATION.

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If this method of sending you copies of letters to different friends and comrades appeal to you I will be happy do include you and the Magazine among those to whom I send such copies.Let me know please. Later I may be able to send you the articles I have already spoken about.

I hope your splendid effort will be crowned with great success and that you may awaken the Spanish women to their place in the social struggle for hunab liberation from the fetters that are binding her. I am convinced that without the solidarity and cooperation of our sex our movement will not play an important part in the revolutionization of the masses. So go ahead dear comrade with your fine work. And say to your comrades on MUJJERS LIBRES, that I wish them enthusiasm and courage to continue.

Some day I hope to meet you all. Certainly if I should go,to Spain I would get in touch with you. I don't know when that will be. Friends of mine may come to visit me and they expressed a desire to go to Spain and take me along. If that should happen of course I will see you all. For the present I am here preparing new material for my return to England early in Oct.

Fraternally and affectionately

If you could import a copy of my authobiograghy now in a cheap edition of $1,49 sents from the GARDEN CITY PUBLISHERS; GARDEN CITY NEW YORK you would find a great deal of material dealing with my work among women. In quoting from the book you will have to give credit to M.Alfred A.Knopf who was the original publisher. By the way,perahps you could even find a publisher in Spain to get it out in your country.

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Nice, June 24, 36

Dearest Em,

Today received your big bundle dated the 23rd. Mail connections seem to be OK

The big envelope contained, however, mostly stamped envelopes for Tourtou's boy. Thanks, but I was rather surprised at the shortness of your letter. Just a few lines. Of course you have written of late long epistles, as you say, so that may explain it.

Now about the letter you received from Michael in which he said that he finds it trying to "tramp about" with the kid. I can well imagine you were surprised that he did not intend to come to visit you. In fact, not merely surprised, I assume. Shax

Well, the other day, while we were talking, he said to me: "I wrote E.G. that I am not coming — too hard to travel about on trains with the boy". I can tell you I was more than surprised. The truth is, I was shocked. It was hard to believe, considering that he was in Nice and that he means to travel leisurely, as he told me.

The next day, when Ennie and I were visiting him in his hotel (Beau Rivage, on the water front), St.Tropez was mentioned again, and Ennie said that she saw in the papers that 'Isle-de-Beauté' -- the white boat that used to make excursions between Nice and St.Maxime (or St.Tropez) has opened its navigation season. After some talk about it, Michael said that in such a case it would be all right to visit St.Tropez, since they all enjoy a trip on the ocean and the boy Lee likes it in particular.

Then it was arranged to make you a surprise on your birthday, the 27th. We agreed to surprise you by all the five of us coming over on that boat. Later on I mentioned to Michael that such a big bunch coming unexpectedly at the same time, would be too much of a surprise, for you like to prepare good things to eat, and without previous notice it would be rather difficult, since Bon Esprit is some distance from the village and it takes time to get things. Well, I told him that I xxxxxx will let you know that we are coming.

The boat goes once a week, on Fridays. It leaves the xxx port here at 8.30 in the morning and arrives at St.Tropez (not at St.Maxime) at 11.15 A.M.

I had an engagement with Michael to meet him at his hotel today at about 3 P.M., but this afternoon my wound has opened again (more internally than on the outside.) I was all ready to go to Michael's hotel when I discovered that I could hardly move. So Ennie went down to telephone to Michael that I could not come.

This is 6 P.M. and I have just gotten up from bed to write you that it will take a complete rest for several days before I can move about. It is nothing serious, and it has happened several times already xxxxxx (in the hospital and since I left). I need several days of rest in bed before I can walk again, and the kind of bandage they used to make for me in the hospital. I may therefore have to get the panseur of the hospital to come here to fix me up.

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I am sorry I can't come, for it was all arranged and I had meant this surprise for you.

I must have exerted myself too much in the last few days. But it will soon be OK again, as there is nothing to worry about. The Dr examined me only yesterday, before this thing happened, and found that I am all OK. He also examined Annie, prescribed a diet etc. But he will no doubt tell you himself about it.

At noon today I even wrote a letter to Auntie (whom we had invited for lunch for Sunday) in order to postpone the engagement for a later date, as I meant to be Sunday in Bon Esprit. But before I could mail that letter, this damned thing happened.

Well, such is life. The best-laid plans often go awry, as the old saying has it.

May you have a pleasant birthday and pass it in good company. No doubt the Sandstroms will be with you on Sunday. Do give them our best greetings. And I hope you will not be too much disappointed at our failure (Annie's and mine) to spend with you this coming ~~Sunday~~ Saturday. Somehow you and I seldom have the chance to be present at each other's birthday. But, after all, what's in a birthday, as Billy Shakespeare would have said.

I embrace you heartily and hope that this birthday may bring you some joy and brighten the days that will follow.

Affectionately, my dear old chum and pal.

Sasha

P.S. I examine the envelopes before I send them to Tourtou Jr. The Spanish ones I always keep for myself, anyhow, and as to the other addresses I will use my judgment which are to be eliminated. It is OK.

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St Tropez June 25th 36.

Sasha, I was glad of your letter. I had only a card from you writte[n] last Tuesday or Wednesday which arrived Monday.And nothing since. Michael called me up last night. He told me you were not feeling extra.That means you have aversion- in walking and riding. Or is there another cause. Please take more care my dear. You will be stronger later. I may hear from Michale again to night. It gives one a feeling of relief to hear a familiar voice over the phone when one is alone a great deal. I have made inquiries in the Lattitude.They charge 75 francs a day for room and pension.Forty without. It certainly pays to take it with pension if one is able to take it at all. I wrote Michael about it. And he said he would rather be in the hotel near me. I never heard of boats to Nice. I do know they have them to Toulon and Marseille. I am going to the village late this afternoon to find out. If M.takes the boat he could get Luts or another taxi to take him ,Hyd and her child straight to the Lattitude and I would meet them there. Its so fri frightfully hot to walks down in the middle of the day ,or even in the afternoon. Anyhow, I will tell M. all particualrs when he phones to night.

Dear,I don't see what right spelling or good typi has to do with a sense of dentail. I certainly do not lack that sense either in house work or cooking,or public work. Have you ev ever known me to forget the minutest detail in organizing meeting or any public work.Nor do I think I lack that in house keeping.Ye I am rotten in typing and spelling . I strike wrong letters no matter how careful I am. And as to spelling, well you know my i ncurable defect. Actually I use the dictionary more thanever before. I no longer trust myself even with words I know how to spell.

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St Tropez June 25th 36.

Dear Sasha. Your letter of Tuesday did not get to me until this morning. I answered it this afternoon and then went to the village to see about the boat and mail my letter. While in the Post Office our new man gave me two lwtters one was from you.

You say you were shocked that Michael did not want to come here by train. Well, so was I and disgusted besides. Some comrade and friend he is to be near S,& and so decide not to come. Had I known about it I would have asked him not to. For,if there in anything I like it is things done out of duty. Fact is he did not write me he is not coming. He wrote"it may be inadvisable to make the trip with the child .But a few days ago may change this" it never occurred to me that he was seriously contemplating not to come. I thought he meant with the child and that perhaps he would come alone for a few days and leave Syd and the baby. Fancy any one knowing you about a hlaf century, writing letters of friendship and affection and thank for a bit of inconvinience to be ready to return to America without having seen me? I think it is an outrage. I really wish he had stuck to his plan not to come.For now all the interest has been taken out of his visit. I am so disgucted that I thought of sending him a wire better stay away.But I did not wish to involve you.

Michael said last night if he does not phone it will mean that he and his family are coming on the boat. So far he has not phoned. When I went down this afternoon I did not yet know of your letter.I looked forward to M's coming.I thought if I could find Lutz I would give him a note to Michael and ask him to meet the boat and take them to the Lattitude. M.said he wanted to go

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there though last night I thought they dumps only thirty francs with postage. I found out this morning it is 75,and forty without post. However,if a man can come abroad and take his family with him he can afford to pay five dollars a day for room and board. A Hell have to pay much more in any resort in A. Well, I did not find love so I will have to go down in the morning to meet the best. I am not keen about it anymore. I am sick over the god damned selfcentredness of M. Believe me he would never have shown such little interest while Anna Cohn was alive. It used to be she who made him do things for comrades and friends. No wonder he feels abd looks so well. He knows how to take care of number one first. Well,I'll survive it.But between you and me and the lamp post tyere will be no joy in the gentlemens visit.

Yes, that would have been a grand surprise for you and E. to have come. Poor dear it is awful how long it takes to recovery from a serious illness. But for one so careful as you are it was giddy to trott about much. Indeed you must remain in bed and have that man come to bandage you properly. I know you always want to reassure me that it is nothing, to quote Tourto "just a bagatelle. if only it would not throw you back for so long when the wound opens. It is awful.

Thnak you my dear for them nice birthday wishes. This will be among the may sad birthdays. Moe and Babsie lie like a nightmare on my chest. I cannot get rid of the thought of them for a moment. I jump whenever the gatebell prings for fear of a cable. The thought that everybody of the family whom Moe loved and they loved are being kept away from his bedside eats into my very vitals. And there is Stellas arm. And last but no less important there is your set back. All that adds nothing t

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to my point of view,and let the enjoy of my birthday. As I [illegible] are two people,but how talk of birthday like that time. Besides I, would ask them to a birthday dinner because she would feel she must buy a gift which I do not want her to do. Some birthday this year isn't it? But as you say what is there in birthdays,especially when the years begin to mount. I wish I knew why one goes on?

Its alright dear about my birthday. It would have been cause torjoice had you come. Aside of my always being glad to have you come it would have meant a sign of improvement in your condition. But da es aber nicht kann sein I remain like the poor girl who sang Ich sitz aff a stein und weine und weine. Alle Miedlach Kales woren nor ich bleib allein. Bleiben allein is reasonably certain for my old age.

I will mail this after I have seen Michael and his family.

It is nearly 10 P.M. and I am awfully tired. I finished cleaning to day and then went to the village in broiling heat. Your room all spick and span and invtiting is sad now.

Greetings to Emmy. Poor thing,one more examination As if she did not have so many already. How has she been feeling?

Affectionately.

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to my peace of mind,much less to the gayety of my birthday. The Sanströms are dear people but they talk of nothing else than hard times. Besides I cannot ask them to a birthday dinner because she would feel she must buy a gift which I do not want her to do. Some birthday this year isn't it? But as you say what is there in birthdays,especially when the years begin to mount. I wish I knew why one goes on?

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Affectionately. Emma

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Bearsville, June 25th

Dearest:

There is no word about Moe, except what I hear from Saxe, and the situation he is in is explained in his letter to me. Please regard it as condifential because Saxx gets annoyed with me if I send you his letters. Yet if I wrote about the situation, it would not be the same. As I wrote you I write Babsie regularly, twice a week, and not a word out of her. She writes or phones Bessie Goldman twice a week, and the situation as regards Allen was news to me too. What difference does it all make since there is no end to Moe's suffering?

I am going to the dentist now, had all my teeth x-rayed. My hand is a little better but I can't indulge in the luxury of pain or not feeling well. You know how Teddy reacts to it. I had a ghastly attack of neuralgia of the eye yesterday, but I got up, prepared breakfast, straightened up, went to bed, got up made lunch, cleaned up, went back to bed, for an hour, got up and made dinner, cleaned up, and got to bed at 7.30, in misery all day, and except for aspirin and water, ate not a bit of food. At 9.30 feeling a little faint, I got up, made myself some toast and tea, went back to bed. Can I be sick, I ask you? But what do all these things matter to me - I can not feel any grievances against anyone while Moe lies there and I feel so helpless.

Yes, I know about Dr. Cohn's coming. Kate bought the stockings and assured me they were superior quality. She went back to N.Y. on Monday. Angelica is getting better. They hope to get her another 6 months extension. Her time has expired.

I had a long letter from Sasha. I am so sorry his convalescence is so slow. I will write him as soon as I feel a little better.

Teddy has begun a figure of Ian, who poses three hours every morning. Ian is writing you soon. He wants you to get him some of those Normandie stamps you had on my last letter. Davy is fine, glad school is over. They all send you their warmest love.

Please keep Saxe's letter confidential, darling. I just can not stand family friction at present.

My devoted love.

Stella

Time we talked of Saxe with this week's nation
Am sending you Angelica's article in
Commonsense — Sasha.

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Dear. Last night after I called up my mail at 2 30, I received your long letter re Michael Great" interest among here. I planned to take it with me this morning when I went to meet the boat- and then thought it is just as well, because I would be in considerable anger.

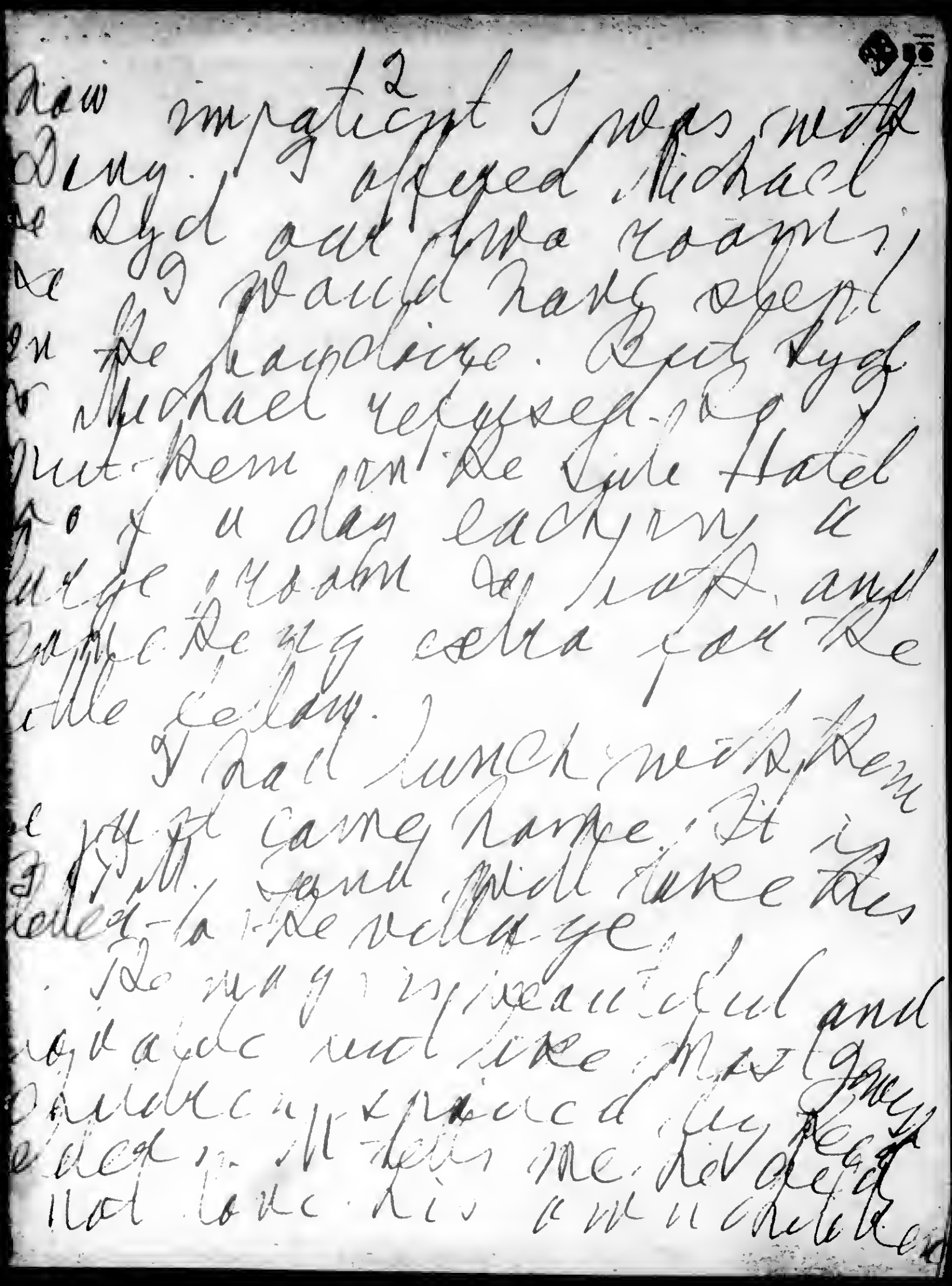
Well the happy family assembled, I saw Emancipation about seven p.m. He said Emma was fatigué and could have no strangers I am sure they, cared not. Have you read the Child He is a keepsakes as Duncy was. And you know

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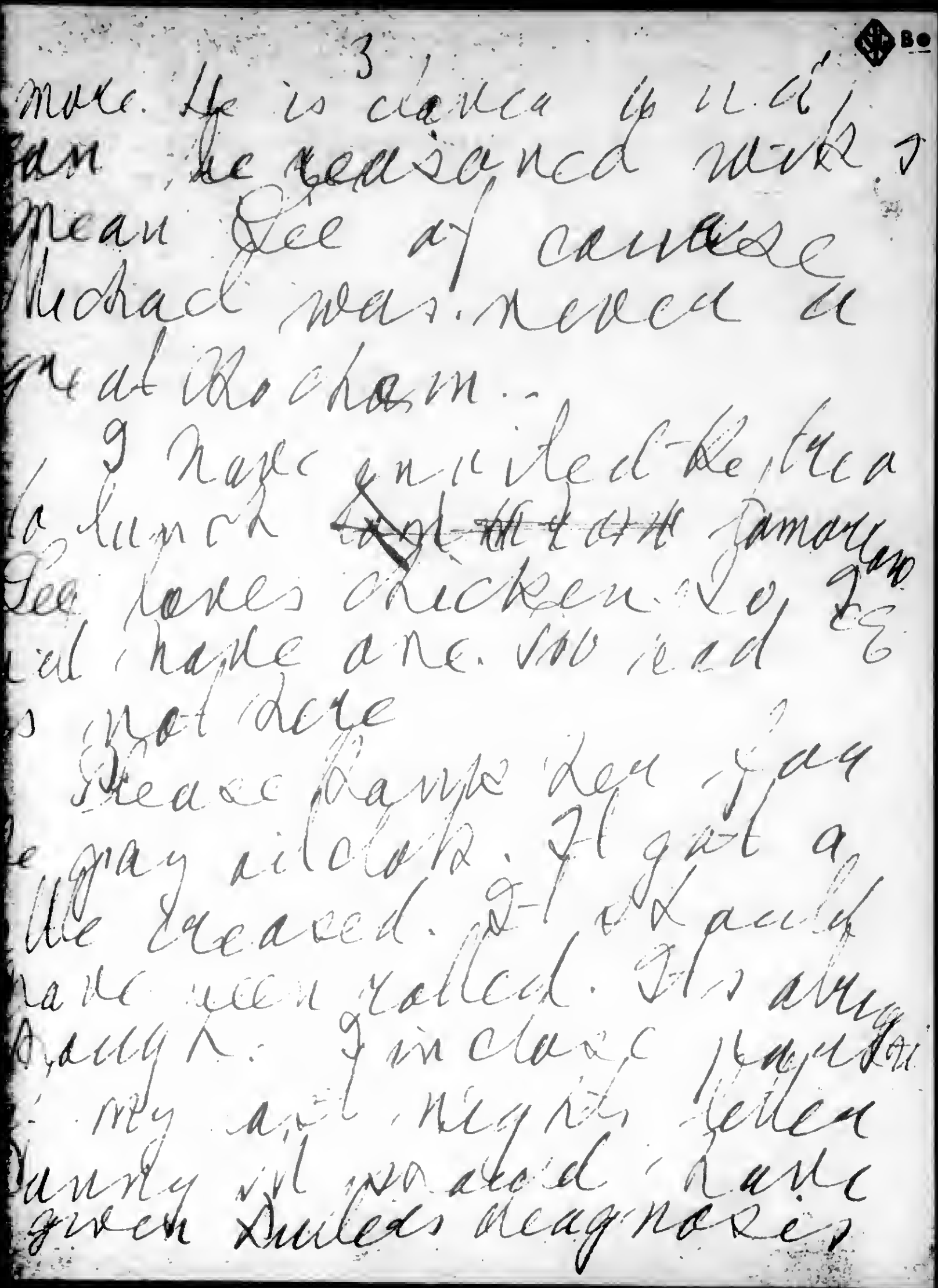


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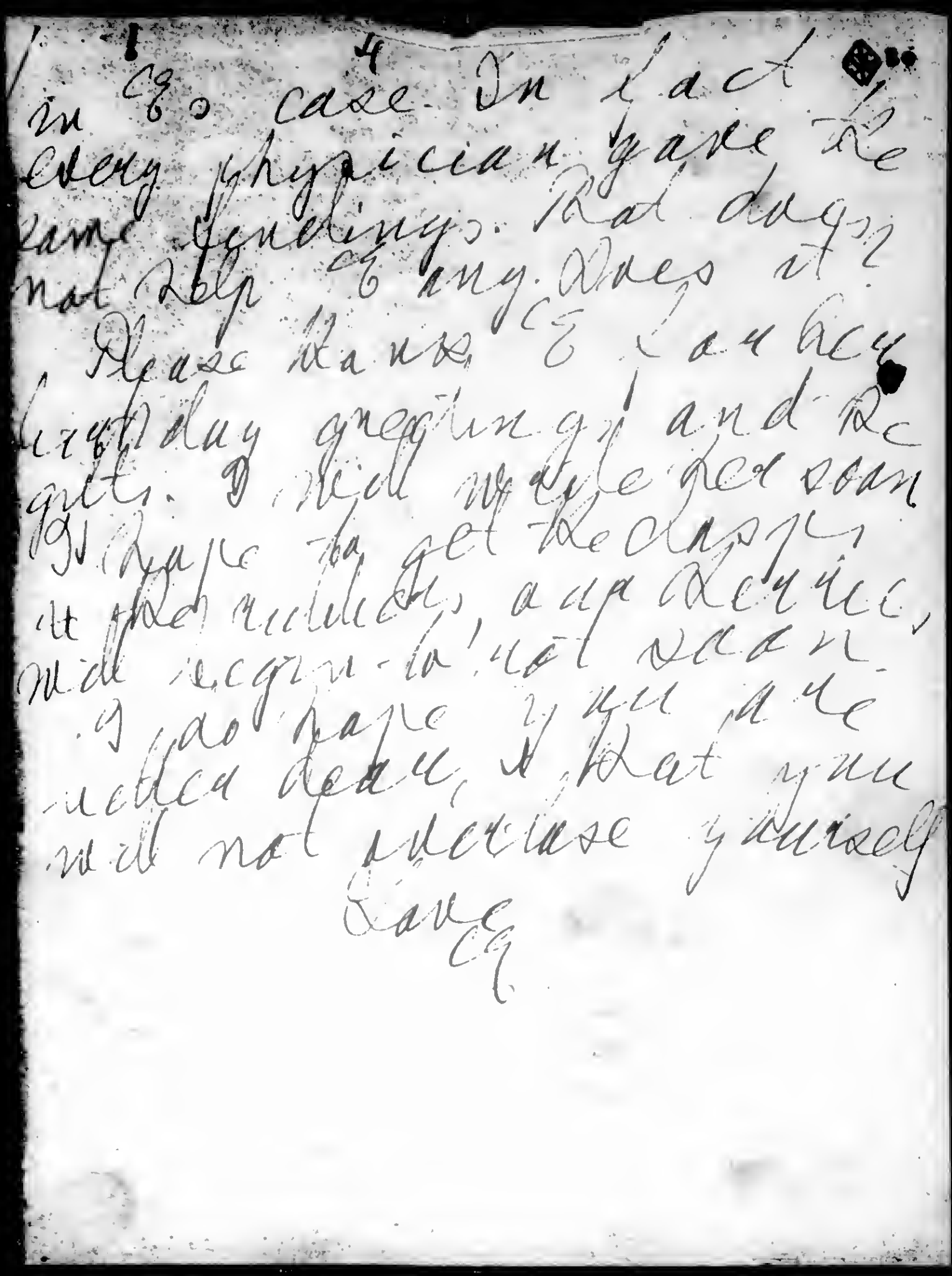
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medea dear, I that you
will not decease yourself
Love
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Nice, June 26, A.M., 1936

Well, dear Geburtstagskind, it is 10 A.M., and in about an hour the Colm family will be there and I suppose you will meet them at the shore. However, I gave Michael detailed (in writing) directions how to get to you.

I hope you understand, dear, how sorry I am that our plan of surprising you on your birthday by coming down to St.Tr. could not be carried out. I just left the bed to write you a few lines.

There is nothing special to write you, dear. I hope you will enjoy their visit. The boy is rather nice and C. seems greatly attached to him.

E. is a bit better today. Seeing people, especially these she did not know before, is not good for her nerves. Besides, she had to do a good deal of running around the last few days, and much walking is also bad for her. And she is always very nervous when a doctor is to examine her. They had a big lunch with us here one day, and yesterday also a lunch at about 5.30 or 6 P.M., and as I was in bed yesterday, E. had to do all the running about. All that is not good for her. She is always much quieter and feels better when no strangers are about.

The Dr prescribed a certain diet, much rest, eating little at a time but several times a day, etc. and I am going to see to it that the orders are carried out. She promised me to do so. Among He said that conserves (like sardines, salmon etc.) are bad for her and not to be touched. Nor salads, spinach and similar rough vegetables. Milk, eggs, very little meat (we only eat it once a week and even more rarely, since I don't want meat either).

I said that E. had to walk a lot of late. The Dr. gave me 150 fr. to use for taxis (the autobus strike is still on and may continue quite a while yet), but that amount was quickly spent, as some days I had to go to town two and three times. (He also gave me once 50 fr., but that was to pay the taxi in which we had gone to Villefranche to get two packages that they had forgotten to take when they arrived). Well, then the last few days E. had to WALK part of the way to town, taking a taxi only for a short distance. I also did it once or twice, for lack of change. So you can see that their visit did not do us much good.

When they arrived the Dr brought me a typewriter from Modo, as I already wrote you. He also brought a pair of stockings for Emmie from Stella. That dear girl is so thoughtful, always.

Neither the Dr. nor his companion brought any gifts, either for me or E. In fact, they forgot even to bring up flowers when they came up for lunch. And while I am at it I want to tell you that he left without knowing whether I had any money left or not.

I don't want you, dear, to think that I even expected any-thing from him. And I am not at all complaining, but I want you to know about it.

One day he was with me in the Amexco. They had asked me to come because I had overdrawn my France account to the extent of 900 fr. Well, I told

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[illegible] to [illegible] the publish[illegible] of [illegible] proceeds, and [illegible] sent the [illegible] them [illegible] I owe you the dollars [illegible]. When I [illegible] the [illegible] they gave me, they promised, and would be very much [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] are right, to wait. I thought to my judging, but I [illegible] to now be exact. My reason to did not matter I had paid my rent for the last 5 months (I mean 6 yet, of course and it is due now, for April, May and June), nor whether I have any other debts. Apparently he was not much interested.

[illegible] But he recommended special care for the both of us, some medicine and good food, all of which is an added expense. He's a doctor.

I must close to mail this down below. Annie sent you per Cohn as a gift the things he will bring you. I also gave him the Russ. papers.

About these rubber rings for jars. There are no exchanges, so I think you will have to buy them in St.Tr. even if they cost a little dearer. I think there must be places there to get them. Mrs Sandstr. would know. In case you can't get them, let me know if it would pay to take a taxi to buy them at Lafayette. Unipris etc. are also open, but neither of us can get there now on foot.

The two samples of rubber rings just received this morning.

Enough now. I hope you will not have any unpleasantness with Michael. And of course I want you NOT to mention to him my financial condition at all.

The first thing he told me on arrival was that his econ. condition is not good at all. That he has an income now from some factory (to the owner of which he had given money) and if that income continues he could retire and live without worry. But he does not know whether the income will continue. Etc, etc.

So let that be at that. Write me how you find the bunch. Greetings to the Sandstr.

And may the birthday bring you some joy and less worry in the future

Affect.

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June 26th, 1936.

Dear Miss Goldman,

It is a little difficult to know what Educational Groups to suggest to you, even if I did know of any suitable organisations, I am afraid I have not time at the moment, as I am very busy before going abroad on Saturday. I would suggest, however, that you might like to write to the following:-

The Worker's Educational Association,
38A, St.George's Road, S.W.1.
Morley College,
61. Westminster Bridge Road. S.E.1.
City Literary Institute,
Goldsmith's Square. W.C.2.
London County Council Education Department,
County Hall, Westminster Bridge Road. S.E.1.
Toynbee Hall,
28, Commercial Street, E.1.
The Polytechnic,
Upper Regent Street, W.1.

I think all the above organisations would be very much interested in your work. You might also like to write to the National Federation of Women's Institutes, 39 Eccleston Street. S.W.1, and the National Union of Townswomen's Guilds, 4 Great Smith Street, Westminster, S.W.1, also The National Council of Social Service, 26 Bedford Square. W.C.1.

I spoke to the organiser of the Co-Operative Educational Committee about the fee for your lecture, and they agreed to increase it to

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3 guineas and expenses if any, which I hope will be agreeable to you. They would be glad if you would speak on the Russian Theatre.

Yours sincerely,

J. Francis Mackenzie

Schools Organiser.

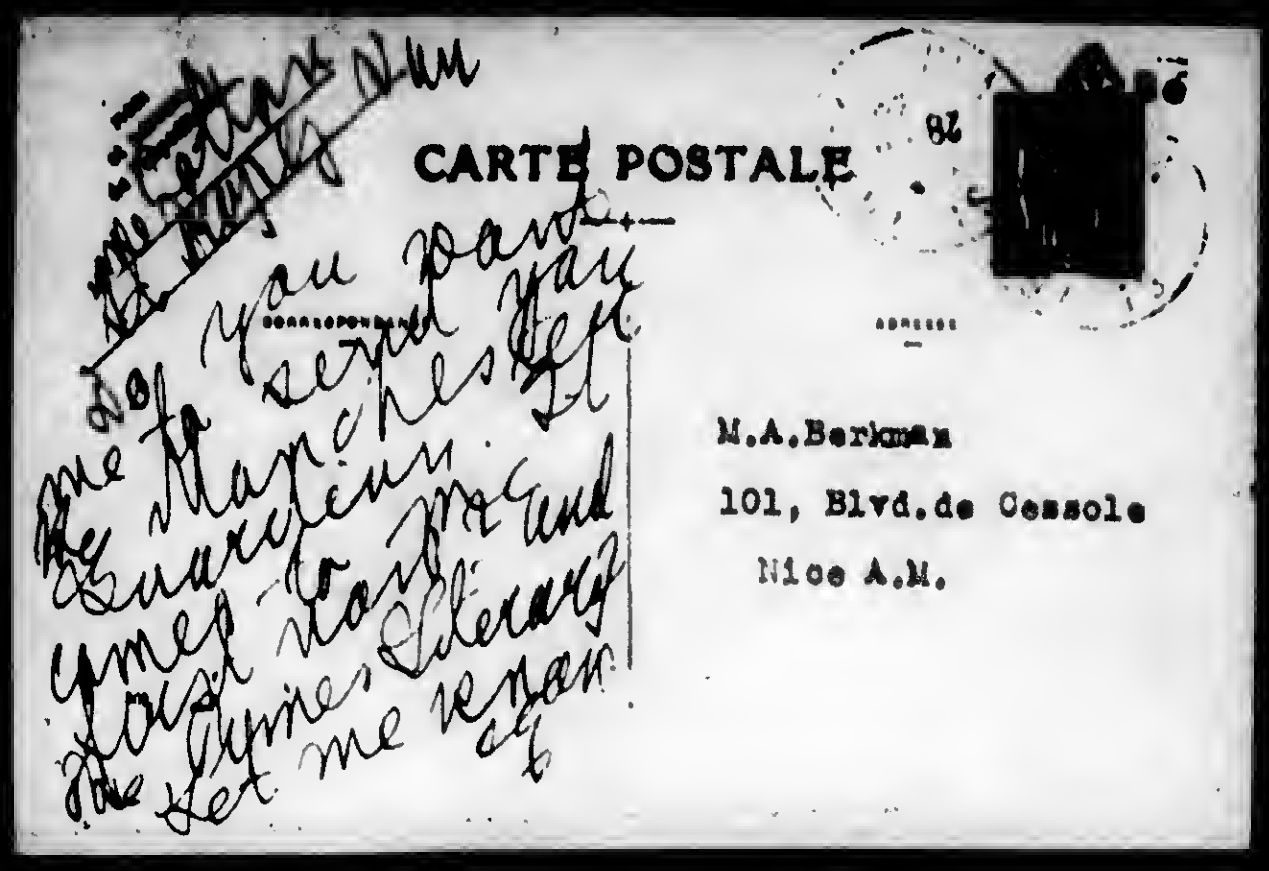
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M.A.Berkman
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Nice A.M.

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June 27th 36.

My Dear. Whom else should I write on this day but you. Only there is npthing to tell. I keep thinking what a long time to live. For whom? For what? But there is no answer. Useless to rake one's brain.

I have asked Michael and his family to lunch to day. One thing, I can still find relief in housework and cooking. Need I tell you that I miss having you on this day? And Emmy who would have enjoyed the chicken. But if you feel better and are gaining strength I do not mind the disapppintment.

Indeed it would have been a grabd surprise. And your room so nice and clean and inviting. It looks sad to day. Imagine I had a wire yesterday, you'll never guess from whom? From Demi Coleman to my birthday. Wonderful that she should remember. She is evidently in England. Cannot make out he name of the town.

Let me hear from you how you are Sasha dear.

Affectionately.

Emma

Greetings to Emmy.

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China Drive
Scarboro Bluffs
Ontario.

June 27th. 1936

Dearest Emma;

The Group wishes to remember your birthday in a more tangible way than just wishes,as much as you may treasure our thoughts. So I was asked to send you an order for $6.00. I am sending it through the post office as there is no Bank at the Bluffs, and I am anxious to get our gift to you as soon as possible. Today is your birthday. I wonder if you are spending it quietly by yourself,or are some comrades enjoying it with you? I haven't time to write you a letter just now so will close agin with our love and best wishes for many more interesting and happy years.

lovingly. Dorothy.

This really should be an official letter from the group,but it is hard to write to you in that vein.

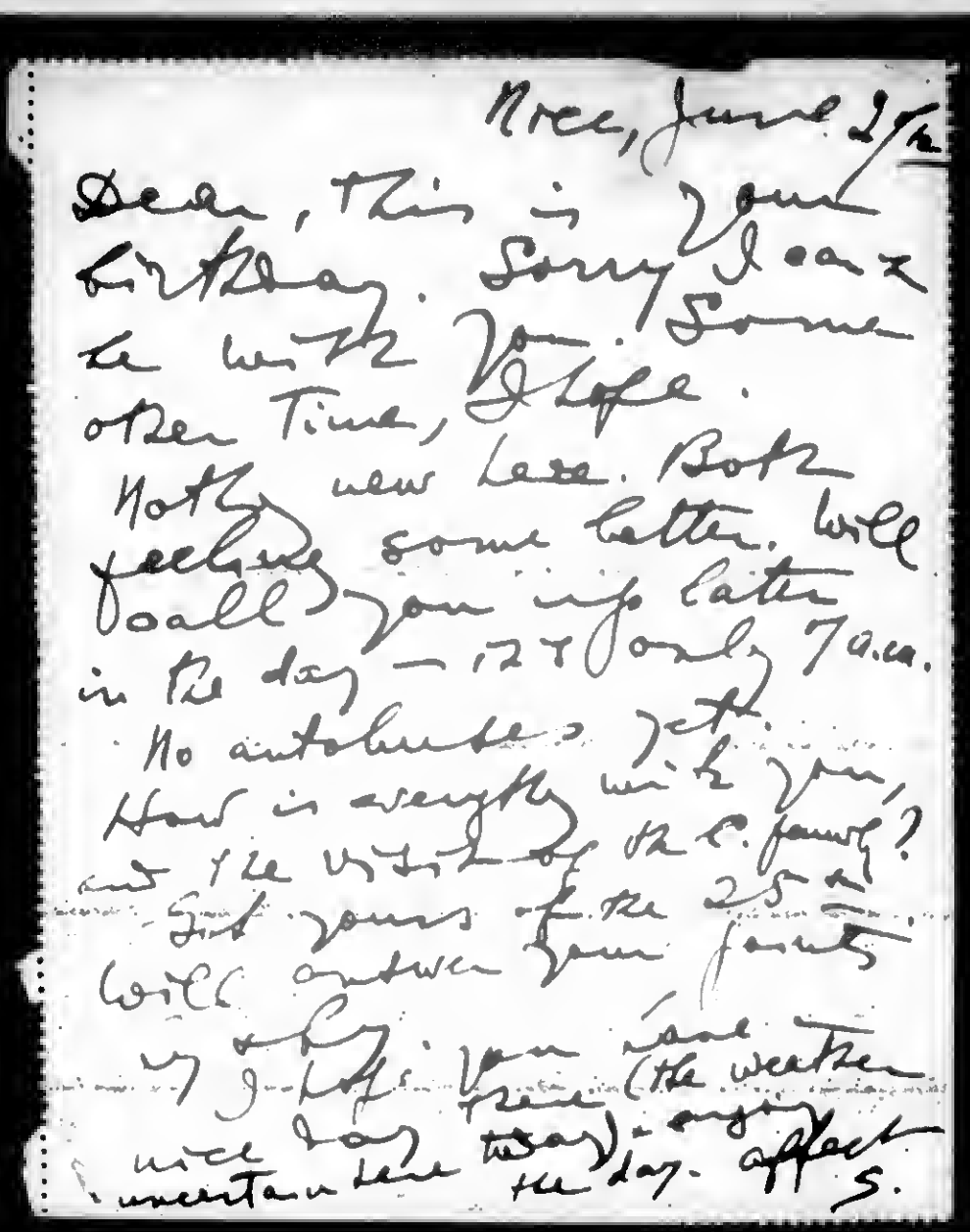
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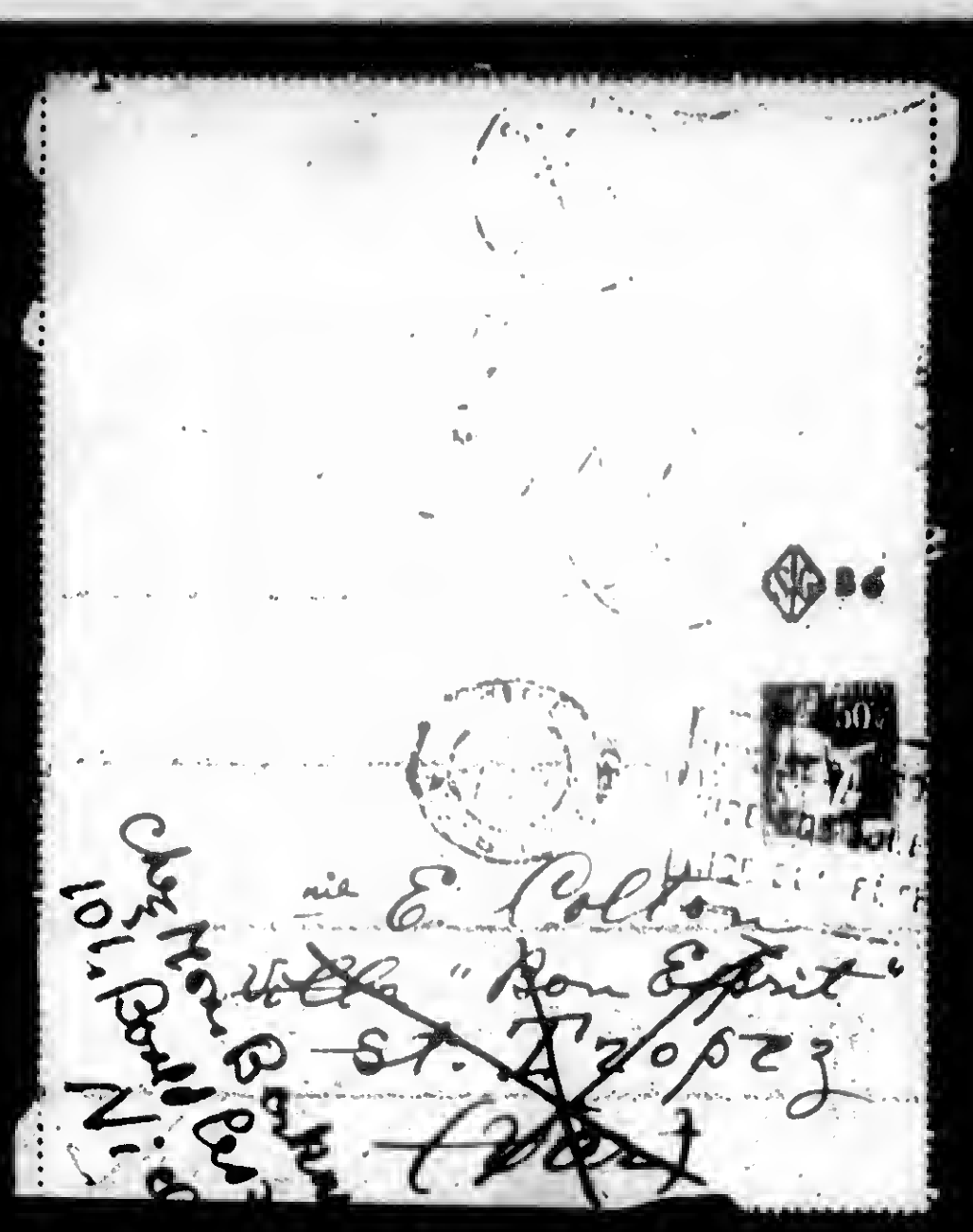

Nice, June 27/36
Dear, This is your
birthday. Sorry I can't
be with You. Some
other Time, Yours.
Hotel new here. Both
feeling some better. Will
call you up later
in the day — it's only 7 a.m.
No autobuses yet.
How is everything with you,
and the visit of the C. family?
Last hours of the 25 a
will endure. Your fare
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Bearsville June 30th

Dearest:

There is still no change in Moe's condition. Saxe was out there Friday night but Moe was unconscious. Babs sent for him because she thought the end was near, but he rega ned consciousness and since there has been no change.

Last Thursday I had all my remaining upper teeth extracted, three were infacted. The Doctor thinks now that is what causes my neuritis. ~~Frit~~ Father arrived on Saturday ill with the grippe and I have been nursing him ever since. Saturday Davy was laneed for an abscessed knee and I have to keep him quiet - and have had to forget my own troubles. I am unable to eat and so I have little vitality. Poor Father he has aged so, he really has no business to travel any more but he was determined to see his grandchildren and nothing could stop him.

I wish I could write more encouraging news. Lib took Allen back to Rochester in their car a week ago and so he is at home with his Mother.

Please explain to Sasha why I can not write, but I appreciated his long letter and give him and Emmy my love.

Mrs. Wovschin is staying in Woodstock and she spent last evening here. She asked to be remembered most kindly to you. Willy is coming up for over the 4th.

All these minor troubles seem as nothing to me. Heart and soul I wait for the final sad news. Saxe and I will cable you but Lord, how long, how long.

Darling, I can only say my thoughts are with you and the deep sorrow we share together. Life seems to get more tragic as we grow older and see our dearest ones slip away. I often think how fortunate our dear Marie Howe was to pass away in her sleep - instead of the ghastly suffering that Moe and Babs have to endure.

Ian, Teddy, Davy and Father send you their love.

Devoted love, my own.

Stella

Later: Your letter and card just came. Shocked about Zensl. What proof is there that she is actually arrested? It seems a very dumb action on the part of the Soviets.

In my own troubles, I forget to tell you that I had a

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wire from Ann Lord, saying her son had died and asking me to come to the funeral services. I couldn't. I tried to reach her by phone but couldn't and I wrote her immediately but I haven't heard. The action of the French workers is indeed inspiring. I can imagine how desolate you must feel all alone in Bon Esprit. . So glad Sasha feels a little better. Poor Ann, she clung so to her Jimmy - but she may have had him yet if he had had the proper treatment in time instead of relying on Christian Science.

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June 30th, 1936

Miss E. G. Colton,
St. Tropez Var,
France.

My dear Emma:

This will acknowledge yours of June 21st; also a telegram received by Friedman yesterday, on account of which I wired $100. Part of that hundred dollars, by the way, is the proceeds of the sale of the books that you shipped to Max Bluestein several months ago.

Those books are in my possession, and, since I intended the printing of an added edition, I did not in any way press the sale of those books, as with a little publicity, I could have disposed of them. The books are sold at a minimum of $2, and when we have finally disposed of them, I shall be able to cover the advance made by Bluestein, and also your cost of shipping them. Why Bluestein failed to acknowledge receipt of them, I do not know. I took it for granted that he had made the acknowledgment, as the books are in my possession, and are in perfect safekeeping.

At this writing, I have received no satisfaction from Miss Fitzgerald. I have had no business relations with her for the past twelve or thirteen years; but, from those who come in close contact with her, I am told that the old girl is somewhat lagging, and is not as dependable as in the good old days. If I manage to locate her within the next few weeks, I may have those plates properly placed and kept until they are used in the early fall. So far, I am patient about it.

I was really shocked at your telegram of Berkman's sudden relapse, and his having to submit to another operation. I hope it will all come out O.K.

I have read with careful interest the copy of the letter that you forwarded to the Nation. I have my misgivings as to whether the Nation will publish it, as it has changed colors in the last year to a considerable extent. You can rest assured, however, of the Freie Arbeiter Stimme and the Forward giving it the space that it deserves.

Please accept my whole-hearted congratulations on your birthday. The exact age is not legible; all I know that it is "-7". However, we all have birthdays, while it is true that we do not all celebrate them in the same manner.

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, I hope you will appreciate what I mean.

With kind regards to Berkman and yourself, I am,

Fraternally yours,

Phillip Kapp

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